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**AGENDA**
**A second  
strike**

The nuclear tests in India and Pakistan have presented Israel with a new challenge, mainly from the perspective of strategic planning. Practically, there have been no great new revelations. However, if the effort being invested by Iran and Iraq in developing weapons of mass destruction is not enough, then the weak response which characterized the West as the two nations "came out of the closet" must create a problem for Israel. Can a small country mount a second strike in the event that the dictatorships of the Middle East are successful in obtaining a nuclear capability.

Those who are concerned that these changes will put an end to Israel's strategic asset, nurtured for decades in relative ambiguity in Dimona, should take another look at Israel's Nuclear Deterrent, by Prof. Shai Feldman, the head of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

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**Joining the covenant**

Defense Minister Itzhak Mordechai watches the birth of his son, Yovel, yesterday in Jerusalem. The baby is being held by President Ezer Weizman, while Chief Sephardi Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron (left) looks on. (Flash 90)

Hizbullah leader Kaouk:

## Deal for Ilya's body reached

By DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah's leader in south Lebanon, Sheikh Nabil Kaouk, yesterday announced that agreement had been reached on a deal to exchange the remains of missing naval commando 3PO Itamar Ilya for 60 Lebanese prisoners and the bodies of 40 gunmen.

Kaouk said in an interview with Lebanese state television that one of the bodies Israel is expected to return is that of Hadi Nasrallah, son of Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah.

He said that only some procedural matters remain to be resolved before the deal could go through.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said that negotiations are taking place but it is too soon to say when the exchange will occur, Channel 1 reported last night.

The IDF and Defense Ministry kept silent about reports that Israel would swap more than 100 prisoners and bodies for Ilya's remains.

Ilya is one of 12 servicemen who died last September 4 in an abortive naval commando raid in south Lebanon.

Avi Benayahu, spokesman for Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, referred all queries to the IDF Spokesman, who refused to comment.

It was reported, however, that IDF rabbis in the Northern Command had completed preparations a week ago to exchange the bodies for that of the naval commando. It said that the rabbis had gone to a cemetery in the North where enemy bodies are buried to note which of them may have to be exhumed and taken to Lebanon.

The Christian-run Voice of Lebanon reported that the exchange is expected to go ahead on June 17.

According to reports from Lebanon, however, the Amal Shi'ite movement, Hizbullah's rival, is unhappy about the proposed deal apparently because none of its members appears on the list of prisoners to be released. Last night the Associated Press reported that Amal is holding some remains of Israeli soldiers and is refusing to cut a deal for

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their handover to Israel. Amal said it would not take part in the swap - which it apparently fears would bolster Hizbullah's popularity.

"We will not return the remains of the Israeli soldier as long as we are not in on negotiations regarding the exchange with Israel," an Amal spokesman said yesterday. Hizbullah declined to comment on the Amal statement.

According to reports from Lebanon, most of the prisoners would be released from the El-Khiyam jail in the security zone as well as from Israel.

Hizbullah reportedly has asked another country, apparently France, to act as intermediary. So far the negotiations have been conducted under the auspices of the International Red Cross.

The list of those slated to be freed reportedly includes Muhsein Mukhdad of Hizbullah, who was seriously injured when bomb he was preparing exploded prematurely in his room at the Lawrence hotel in east Jerusalem in 1996.

Mukhdad lost both legs and arms and was blinded by the blast.

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## Hanegbi to Bibi: Apologize or resign

By LIAT COLLINS

Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi should either publicly apologize for his remarks concerning the Supreme Court and its president, Aharon Barak, or resign, Justice Minister Tzachi Hanegbi said yesterday.

He told a press conference in the Knesset that Bibi had addressed the Knesset as a deputy minister representing the government and could not make such statements, "which the government absolutely opposes."

Bibi's comments came at the end of a discussion on Tuesday on the intervention of the High Court in the decisions of the religious courts. He suggested passing legislation which would prevent the court from intervening in matters concerning religious outlook and

criticized Barak for being more concerned with "judicial activism" than dealing with the overloaded work of the courts.

Bibi said if Barak did not step back from his interventionist in the

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decisions of the religious courts, there would be no choice but to change the way the judges are chosen.

"If the Supreme Court continues not to abide by the law, we will have to pass a law that the Supreme Court must judge according to the law," he said.

Bibi stood by his words yesterday, saying that he was pleased he

had managed to make the issue public.

"A large number of my detractors did not hear me, were not there, and did not understand me correctly," he said.

But condemnations poured in from across the political spectrum.

"I think that if there is one thing that must be preserved, it is the judicial system, with the president of the Supreme Court at its head," Irit quoted President Ezer Weizman as saying. "If there are complaints or criticisms, it is possible to find a different way of expressing them."

Yesterday's Knesset session opened with an unusual joint statement by Labor and Likud condemning the attacks on the courts and Barak.

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## US backs off defining 3rd pullback - sources

By AVINOHAM BAR-YOSEF

The United States has retreated from its original position of delineating the size of a third IDF redeployment, as part of a package being considered to enable a second

decision, while offering the Palestinians something they could live with. Under this idea, Israel would send the US a letter stating how much territory it would be prepared to withdraw from in a third pullback, but this figure would not necessarily be presented to the Palestinians for their approval.

According to the sources, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has asked the US to continue its mediation efforts. Mubarak made the appeal through US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Martin Indyk, who visited Cairo on Tuesday at Mubarak's request.

ond withdrawal and permanent-status negotiations to get under way, according to American sources.

The sources said that a less binding formula is being considered to make it easier for Israel to reach a

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## 'Foreign Report': Israel giving Ofek data to India

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - The Intelligence Corps reportedly provides India with fresh data on Pakistan gathered by Israel's Ofek satellite, according to today's issue of *Foreign Report*. In return, India gives Israel special permission for "Unit 8200," which comprises the corps' special monitoring experts, to undertake missions on Indian territory, the article says.

The article outlines what it claims to be the nature of Israel's covert military cooperation with India.

The revelations come following the nuclear tests in the subcontinent, although *Foreign Report* does not suggest Israeli complicity in India's nuclear program.

According to the newsletter, Israeli military cooperation with India functions on three distinct and separate levels - through the Mossad, the Intelligence Corps, and the Defense Ministry.

The Mossad's main target, it says, has been to learn as much as possible about Pakistan's nuclear program and possible transfers of technology to other Islamic states. The newsletter notes it has been told that no evidence has been found about Iranian attempts to acquire Pakistani nuclear expertise.

Intelligence's contact with the Indian authorities, it says, is conducted via its special foreign relations unit, which is in direct contact with the Indian military representative in Tel Aviv.

## Two pupils missing in gym ceiling collapse

By ARIEN O'SULLIVAN and Kim

Rescuers were searching the wreckage of a Beersheba school gym late last night for two missing pupils believed trapped when the ceiling collapsed during basket-

ball practice. Another pupil, Guy Sheerit, 14, was seriously injured.

Negev District police chief Dep.-Cmdr. Dudi Cohen said the ceiling at Comprehensive High School 6 collapsed at about 7:30 p.m., when a group of eighth- and ninth-graders was inside.

The coach and nine pupils managed to get out safely before the ceiling came down. Sheerit had almost managed to get out, but was trapped by falling concrete as he neared the exit. He was pulled out minutes later, and was reported in serious condition at Soroka Hospital.

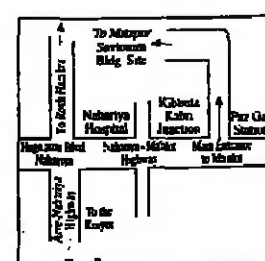
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## NEWS

in brief

## Newspaper: Arafat may retire after pullback

An Egyptian newspaper said that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat will step down for health reasons, possibly after signing a deal with Israel on a withdrawal from the West Bank. The government-owned *Al-Gomhuriya* newspaper reported yesterday that Ahmed Qreia, head of the Palestinian Legislative Council, or Salim Zannoun, speaker of the Palestine National Council, will take over until a new president is elected. The newspaper said it based its report on Palestinian sources, but did not further identify the sources. AP

## Arab worker stabbed to death

Police are investigating the death of Abdullah Anwar, 38, of Shufat, who was allegedly stabbed to death yesterday by a Jewish co-worker during an argument. According to the initial investigation, the two workers were riding in a truck carrying soft drinks to Ma'aleh Ephraim in the Jordan Valley, when the driver stopped to urinate at the roadside. When he returned to the truck he discovered Anwar bleeding in the cabin and the Jewish worker, a man from Mevasseret Zion, standing outside with a knife in his hand. The Mevasseret man turned himself in to the police, who said they are investigating all possibilities, including self-defense. Margot Dudkevitch

## EU proposes aiding PA economy

European Union peace envoy Miguel Moratinos yesterday proposed during a meeting with Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur that representatives of Israel and the EU meet before the end of this month to discuss ways to assist the Palestinian Authority's economy.

A Foreign Ministry communiqué said Moratinos also invited Bentsur to "take part in a dialogue with the EU presidency." Bentsur is scheduled to fly to Vienna next week for political talks. His trip will take place on the eve of Austria's assumption of the EU presidency on July 1. Moratinos is due in the region soon, sources said. Jay Bushinsky

## Egypt denies Yassin entry

Egypt is refusing to allow Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin to travel to Cairo, Hamas officials said yesterday. Yassin, who was scheduled to arrive in Cairo from Sudan Tuesday night, has had to remain in Khartoum since Egyptian authorities told him that he may not fly to Cairo, said Mohammed Nazal, Hamas spokesman in Jordan. Yassin has asked to travel through Cairo on his way back to Gaza.

Egyptian officials were not available for comment. Palestinian sources said Egypt was waiting for Israel to grant permission for Yassin to return to Gaza. "They don't want another exiled leader, especially someone like Yassin, to be stuck in Egypt," they said.

Senior Egyptian officials are expected to discuss Yassin's entry with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat when he arrives in Cairo today. AP

## Australian foreign minister arrives

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer arrived yesterday for a two-day visit - his first - during which he will meet government and opposition leaders, tour Jerusalem, lay a wreath at Yad Vashem, and address the Israel-Australia Chamber of Commerce. Downer is to meet with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Communications Limor Livnat, and MK Yossi Beilin. He was welcomed yesterday by MK Gideon Ezra, chairman of the Israel-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Committee and Yitzhak Shelef, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general for Asia and Oceania. Jay Bushinsky

## US

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Washington is concerned about the continued freeze in negotiations and with reports from the embassy in Tel Aviv that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may postpone carrying out a withdrawal until the end of the Knesset's summer term, to avoid having his government toppled.

"American patience is running out," a source said. The sources confirmed that an idea discussed hypothetically with Netanyahu was to have the sum total of all withdrawals come to 15%.

The government did not accept that idea, but agreed to have it presented to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Arafat rejected the proposal in his meeting

ing with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in London three weeks ago.

A diplomatic source said that Israel has to understand that, in order to reach an agreement, it has to have a partner and that Arafat cannot agree to every idea put forward in the guise of making it easier on the decision-makers in Jerusalem.

The source said the Clinton administration is aware of the coalition troubles faced by Netanyahu and is concerned about the fact that the PA has objected to convening the Palestinian National Council to cancel the Palestinian Covenant.

Meanwhile, Albright is in regular telephone contact with Arafat and other Arab leaders in an effort to keep encouraging them to wait for Israel's decision on the withdrawal.

By JAY BUSHINSKY and MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is undaunted by threats emanating from the left wing of his coalition to quit if he does not close a deal with the US and the Palestinian Authority for a substantial pullback on the West Bank, a senior aide said yesterday.

David Bar-Ilan, Netanyahu's director of communications, said the prime minister is also not worried by the rumblings from the coalition's right wing to define a withdrawal any part of Judea and Samaria as a violation of Halacha.

"The real test will come when they see the package deal the prime minister has been developing," Bar-Ilan said, referring to The Third Way and National Religious Party.

But Bar-Ilan was quick to point out that the deal is not yet ready for presentation and that it is impossible to predict how long Netanyahu's critics will have to wait before they can see it.

Third Way MK Yehuda Harel, emerged from a meeting with Netanyahu yesterday saying he doubts Netanyahu's intention of carrying out the second pullback.

"The obstacle to the negotiations is not in Washington. Both the obstacle and the negotiation are inside the coalition," he said.

Harel said his party is determined to force the government to carry out the second pullback or, failing that, to go to elections. "There is no



Former chief rabbi Avraham Shapira is flanked by former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir (left) and MK Nissan Slomiansky (NRP) during his meeting with the Land of Israel Front yesterday. (Orion Headline)

doubt the entire responsibility for the second pullback is on our shoulders, as the only moderate party in the coalition. It is our duty to bring about a pullback, or go to elections," he said.

Harel said his meeting with Netanyahu was harsh and difficult, "the most difficult I've ever had

with him. I told him we'd support him if he carries out the pullback, not a virtual one but a real one. I regretted to tell him he failed to convince me that he really means it during our conversation."

But Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani met Netanyahu last week and emerged convinced

of his intention to carry out the pullback "within two weeks." At the time, he hinted he knew something his colleagues didn't "and that's why I'm calm and they're not."

Netanyahu defended his attitude toward the peace process in a speech to Haifa University's board of governors which convened in

Jerusalem to hear him.

"Our program has been to bring peace with security which means peace that is based on two principles," he said. "One - that the PA fulfills its obligations and fights terrorism in the areas they received from us. Otherwise, the peace crashes. It did."

"The second thing is the shape of the final peace which must have Israel keeping secure and defensible boundaries."

Liat Collins adds: Former chief rabbi Avraham Shapira yesterday told members of the Land of Israel Front that if the government decides to carry out the redeployment, they should bring it down.

Members of the front met with Shapira in his home yesterday. During the meeting MK Avner Shalev (National Religious Party) said he would sign a statement calling for action to topple the government if the redeployment goes ahead. He is the 11th MK to sign the statement.

Mohammed Najib and Margot Dudkevitch add:

Returning to Gaza from Africa yesterday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat denied that any progress has been achieved in the peace process. Arafat stressed he was continuing his efforts to organize an Arab summit.

He met with Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali in Gaza last night to discuss the latest developments in the peace process.

## FBI seizes \$1.4m. from Hamas official

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and news agencies

Agents of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation on Tuesday seized some \$1.4 million in cash and property in Chicago that they claim was part of an elaborate scheme to fund Hamas terrorist operations in Israel.

They arrested 46-year-old Mohammed Salah (aka Abu Ahmed), a naturalized American from the Kalandiya refugee camp near Jerusalem. Salah returned to the US last November after spending five years in prison here for transferring funds to Hamas.

Assets seized by the agents included \$1.2 million in cash from safety deposit boxes held by Salah, his wife Aziza, and the Quranic Literacy Institute based in the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn.

According to FBI affidavits, Salah transferred funds to Hamas for purchasing weapons that were used in terror attacks here.

Hamas officials condemned Salah's arrest and denied that the group has any connection to the alleged money laundering scheme.

"Hamas and I have no knowledge or connection whatsoever to the money which was seized in the United States," said Mousa Abu Marzook, the Hamas leader who was jailed in New York during an extradition battle with Israel before being released to Jordan last year.

"Political motives are behind such allegations, because the Zionist lobby is pressuring American authorities to terrorize the Palestinians and hush all political activists in the United States," said Abu Marzook, who currently heads the Hamas bureau in Amman.

The Hamas spokesman in Gaza, Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, accused the US of plotting with Israel against Hamas. The US administration is ignoring the signed agreements with the Palestinians and instead is acting in Israel's favor, he charged.

"The US position is shameful and it is not ashamed to carry out such acts against the Arabs and Moslems," he said.

Zahar said that the seizure of funds and Salah's arrest will not hurt the organization and instead will only increase its power.

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He later admitted that he had been sent by Hizbullah to carry out a bombing in Israel and that he had

entered the country via Europe. According to the reports, former regional Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid and Hizbullah-affiliated Believers Resistance head Mustafa Dirani, who are both being held in Israel, are not on the list of those being released.

Also not expected to be released is Suha Bashara, who has been held since an abortive attempt to assassinate South Lebanese Army commander Gen. Antoine Lahad. Lahad was wounded in the incident.

Israel captured Obeid in 1989 and Dirani in 1994. Both are reportedly being held as bargaining chips for learning the whereabouts or fate of IAF navigator Ron Arad, who went missing after his plane went down in south Lebanon in 1986.

Dirani had reportedly been in charge of Amal's security apparatus but later defected to Hizbullah, taking Arad with him and handing him over to Iranian agents for a large sum of money.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

## Dayan: Pullback arrangements would take several weeks

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Summing up two and a quarter years as OC Central Command, Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan told reporters that the IDF would need more than a few weeks to prepare for a second West Bank redeployment once the government decided on such a move.

Dayan said that a pullback would require the IDF to carry out some 23 actions such as preparing maps detailing security interests that would need to be

maintained and holding discussions with settlers and Palestinians to ensure full understanding of the effects the redeployment will have "on the ground."

Dayan stressed that relations with low-ranking Palestinian officials, the DCO's and Civil Administration officials are good but "higher up the ladder" relations are "correct," mainly because of a basic distrust between the two leaderships.

Dayan said he has built up

excellent relationships with the settlers even if there are differences at times.

Dayan stressed that "while I am winding up my current position I am not leaving the people. Without a doubt Judea and Samaria will remain in the headlines not only because of the peace process but also because of the security issues."

Dayan has been promoted to the job of deputy chief of General Staff by Chief of Staff-designate, Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz.

## Assad planning trip to Russia

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syrian President Hafez Assad plans to visit Russia this autumn at the invitation of President Boris Yeltsin to discuss how to boost economic and political ties, Russia's ambassador to Syria Viktor Gogitidze said yesterday.

Speaking at a news conference, Gogitidze said Russia was "keen to strengthen Syria's defensive military capabilities because this would help maintain stability in the Middle East."

He also said that problems

regarding Syria's debts to Russia - estimated by economic sources at between \$10 billion and \$12 billion - were in the process of being solved.

The ambassador said Assad would discuss with Yeltsin how to break a deadlock in the Syrian-Israeli peace talks which broke off over two years ago. Russia is a co-sponsor of the talks.

"We have already started the practical arrangements of the (Assad) visit which will take place in autumn. The exact date

will be fixed soon," the ambassador said.

He said that several economic cooperation agreements including deals on oil and gas would be signed during Assad's visit, his first since April 1990, before the Soviet Union broke up into independent states.

"The visit is very important for us because it is the first visit in eight years and because it will allow the first personal contact between Presidents Assad and Yeltsin," Gogitidze said.

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"This bad-mouthing undermines the public legitimacy - which should be taken for granted in a democratic country - of the entire judicial system and the Supreme Court at its head," the statement read.

Even Bibi's fellow National Religious Party MKs publicly distanced themselves from his statements and said he was wrong to make them.

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom (NRP), a former chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, said that "the NRP totally disassociates itself from the Bibi's words, his style, and his content. If we don't have respect towards the court system and attack it, we'll reach a situation in which our society cannot exist."

Current Law Committee chairman Hanan Portat (NRP) also distanced himself from Bibi's remarks.

Statements of condemnation also were issued by The Third Way, Tsomet, Meretz, and Yisrael Ba'aliya.

At his press conference, Hanegbi warned against encouraging verbal or physical violence against the representatives of law and order, particularly following the murder of Prisons Service official Ya'acov Ziegelboim and the threats on several judges. He also blasted Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai for filing a police complaint against State Attorney Edna Arbel.

One of the few MKs who stood by Bibi was Moleket's Benny Elon, son of former Supreme Court justice Menachem Elon. He said he was "surprised by the oversensitivity of Bibi's colleagues in the NRP who criticized him although he was acting in line with his position in demanding that the High Court abide by the Religious Judges Law and remember that the religious court judges are bound by Halacha."

## COLLAPSE

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On a normal night, sources said, 200-300 people would have been in the gym, either playing or watching, but most of them stayed home to watch the World Cup soccer tournament.

Soldiers, including engineers from the Home Front Command, rushed to the scene and helped in

the rescue efforts. The army said the soldiers were helping to locate any people trapped in the wreckage and in evacuating the injured.

OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Yom-Tov Samia ordered the rescue team to do everything necessary and to use all means at their disposal to help locate those trapped. Home Front Command units are the best equipped bodies in the country for rescuing people from collapsed buildings.



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The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria announces with a deep sense of loss, the sudden death of the Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, General Sani Abacha, on June 8, 1998. General Abacha passed away at the age of 54 years.

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## Wrong words, wrong time

### ANALYSIS

Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi expressed harsh criticism of the judicial system in general, and of the Supreme Court in particular on the Knesset floor on Tuesday. Expressing such criticism is certainly permitted, and maybe even expected from a politician in a democracy. Bibi made, however, two key mistakes: The language he used and the opportunity he chose for his attack.

His criticism does not lack basis. Data published recently by *Yedioth Aharanot* demonstrates that there are serious delays in the justice system. The question of whether the Supreme Court should interfere in matters related to the basic values of the Israeli society, such as religious controversies, is the subject of constant debate between jurists, academics, and politicians. So why should Bibi be considered out of line in the way he brought this issue before the Knesset?

First, because the words he chose did not simply criticize the performance of the judicial system (or of some judges), but challenged the very basis of the judi-

ciary's existence. When Bibi says, "We will have to pass a law requiring the court to judge according to the law," he is implying in no uncertain terms that the court currently does not judge according to the law.

Secondly, these statements were not made by Bibi as an MK expressing his own views, but in a speech given as the representative of the government. The strongly worded criticism could thus be viewed as the official position of the government - hence the subsequent distancing from Bibi's position by other members of the government.

The backlash against Bibi is reminiscent of the reaction to the very harsh, some would say brutal, criticism of the judiciary by Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai. In both cases, the style and propriety of the criticism has become the major issue, overshadow-

ing the real issues that certainly deserve a debate on their merits.

The position represented by Bibi and by the other religious MKs who joined his criticism represents frustration with the position taken by the Supreme Court in recent years, that the court may, and even should, decide issues based on the nation's values as determined by its justices. The religious critics refuse to accept that the court has the right to overturn achievements of the religious parties in the Knesset by holding them contrary to the basic values of the nation, as reflected in the basic laws passed five years ago, and thus unconstitutional.

Whether the court, in fact, has this right is a difficult and problematic question that must eventually be discussed and resolved, but bringing it to the forefront in the manner that Bibi and other religious ministers chose does not bring that day any closer.

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## A-G: Attacks against the judiciary 'worrisome'

By DAN IZENBERG

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein warned yesterday in an emotional interview with *Israel Radio* that attacks on the judiciary are "really becoming worrisome."

"They keep saying that the people must have confidence in the judicial system, the courts, the prosecution, the state attorney and the attorney general," said Rubinstein. "What is confidence? Confidence means that when the accused, the appellant, the person who is litigating on family matters appears before a judge, he will know that the court is doing its work honestly, in strict adherence with the law, and without prejudice."

"What we have been hearing lately, and I feel absolutely terrible

about it - it isn't only a matter of Deputy [Religious Affairs] Minister [Yigal] Bibi. It is things we are hearing from all sorts of people, lately; for example, [attorney Dror Hoter-Yishai] the head of the Israel Bar - these things are undermining confidence in this system."

"The outcome is that the man in the street who appears before the court could certainly think that if such important people, and others, say such things, maybe the system really doesn't operate fairly," he continued.

"We need enormous caution and enormous responsibility because the danger is truly enormous. There are so many fissures in Israeli society, and now we have people contributing to the danger that the judicial system will also

collapse," Rubinstein said.

"I don't think there is another properly-functioning country in the world where such unrestrained attacks [on the judicial system] are made," he added.

Rubinstein added that the Supreme Court was very cautious in its treatment of controversial issues such as the enlistment of yeshiva students, the conversion issue and Shin Bet interrogation methods.

Justice Ministry Director-General Nili Arad made an unusual and impassioned appeal to the public to support the judicial system.

"We will do our share in correcting what needs to be corrected in the system," said Arad. "But not as a result of personal attacks and undermining confidence in the system. Not by attacking the pres-

ident of the Supreme Court and the state attorney. These things never happened before. They are unacceptable statements which must be condemned. I condemn them as an individual and in my professional capacity."

Itim reported that State Attorney Edna Arbel also went on the offensive at a Hebrew University Law School graduation ceremony, denouncing the latest attacks on the judicial system as an attempt to weaken the courts.

"All these attacks won't affect the prosecutor's office," she added.

Itim reported that Prof. Uriel Procaccia, the dean of the law school, said that those politicians and rabbis who are attacking law enforcement agencies "were cheapening themselves."

## Beilin: Senior officers favor leaving Lebanon

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Senior IDF officers support a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon, believing Galilee settlements can be better protected from the international border, MK Yossi Beilin (Labor), head of the Movement for Leaving Lebanon, said yesterday.

"I don't think the army should be involved in the political debate, but if it is, then I object to enabling only officers opposing withdrawal to speak their mind, while those in favor are gagged," Beilin told a press conference yesterday.

"Both sides must be allowed to speak, and there are many who believe staying in Lebanon is part of the march of fools, and our soldiers are there for nothing."

He refused to name the senior officers who spoke to him.

Beilin said Brig-Gen. Erez Gerstein, who had attacked the Movement for Leaving Lebanon, "crossed a red line. A military officer cannot criticize a political movement. It's not the army's place to sound off about public movements. But the chief of general staff reprimanded him sharply in public and I think that's enough. Gerstein will never forget it, and I think he should be reprimanded."

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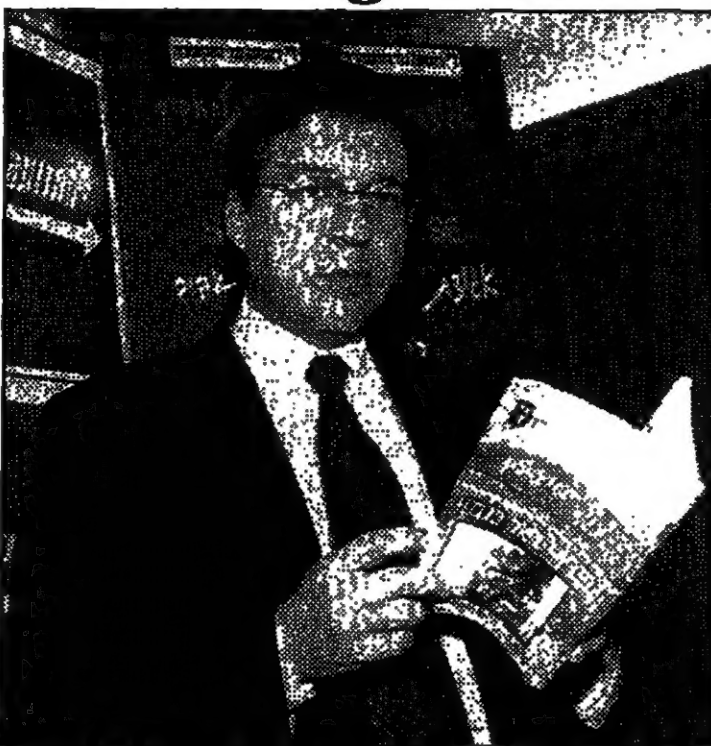
As for Gerstein's statement that his movement was weakening the soldiers in Lebanon, Beilin said the public debate on the issue is the source of the soldier's strength. "How can one say our democracy is weakening the soldiers? The basis of our power, as opposed to the Arab dictatorships, is the open debate, as it was when we debated whether to stay in Gaza."

Beilin said it is important for the soldiers in Lebanon to know that "someone is thinking in an original, creative way about how to get them out of there, that the decision isn't only up to the army's fixated way of thinking."

Arieh O'Sullivan adds: Gerstein tried to clarify himself yesterday, saying he was only trying to warn that protesting the IDF's presence in Lebanon is harmful to his soldiers.

"I meant every word I said regarding the damage these things create in Lebanon," Gerstein told *Israel Radio*. "But I did not have any intention of attacking either the organizations dealing with this or our democracy."

"I only wanted to issue a warning and express my opinion on the matter, which is critical and important for those who are fight-



Yossi Beilin following a press conference yesterday (Israel Sun)

ing in Lebanon. All of the movements dealing with withdrawing from Lebanon are claiming that they are apolitical; so I am astonished that the affair is being inflated as if it was a political one."

## J'lem's Arab population growing 4 times faster than Jewish population

By ELLI WOHLGELER

Jerusalem population and demographic statistics revealed yesterday show a reality much different than is generally assumed, both in migration from the city and in education patterns.

But the capital remains the poorest large city in the country, after Bnei Brak.

Statistics released yesterday from the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies confirm other population studies that show the city's Arab population growing four times faster than the Jewish population and is expected to reach 45 percent of the city's population in 20 years, up from the present 30%.

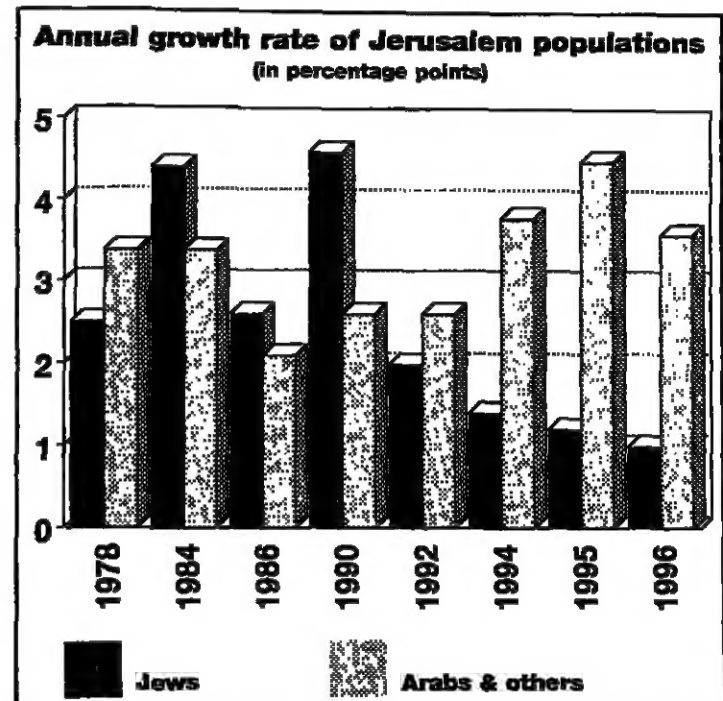
It's a matter of concern when the non-Jewish population rises a lot faster than the Jewish population," Mayor Ehud Olmert told reporters at a news conference yesterday.

He used the statistics to support his plan to strengthen Jerusalem by annexing large tracts of land west of the city.

Jerusalem's overall population at the end of 1996, the last year for which statistics were available, was 602,100, of which 180,900 were Arabs and 421,200 were Jews. The city's Arab population increased by 3.7% in 1996, while the Jewish population increased by 1%.

Since 1967, when Israel unified the capital, the city's Arab population has increased by 164% while the Jewish population has increased by 113%, the institute report said. In 1967, Arabs made up about 25% of the city's population.

One notable statistic showed that on the list of reasons asked of residents who left the city, only



2% listed the strife between the secular and the haredi communities as their reason for leaving. The number one reason for all Jerusalem residents who left the city was the high cost of housing.

Overall, the number of residents leaving Jerusalem has held steady for the last three years: in 1996, the last year for statistics published yesterday, just 5,900 more residents left the city than the number of those who moved in, and most of those who left moved to towns just outside the capital.

"There is a tendency of a slight reduction, which [has happened] three years in a row," Olmert said. "So I think it's encouraging. Now

we have to move into the next phase, which is to reduce it all together, and to change it 180 degrees and to bring in more. If we will strengthen industry and offer less expensive apartments, then emigration out of Jerusalem will go down."

The number of children in compulsory kindergartens among the haredi population did not increase, as is widely assumed, although they still represent 58% of all children in state kindergartens, not including those in the Arab sector.

In grades one through six, there was a rise for the first time in the haredi population over those in the Arab sector.

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

### Peretz wins

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz's impressive victory over Geshar MK Maxim Levy for the Histadrut chairmanship establishes his status as "a social leader by his own right, a Lech Walesa for the poor," writes *Ha'aretz's* Yossi Venter, adding that Peretz has managed to launch himself from the position of a junior Labor MK to the top of the party's leadership. "This result may allow Peretz to threaten to resign and establish a worker's party."

Venter adds that Levy's achievements also are worth noting, considering the powerful coalition that he ran against. The results will

not have an effect on Geshar leader David Levy in negotiations with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to return to the coalition, he writes.

*Ma'ariv's* Shalom Yerushalmi disagrees, writing, "If there is any significance to the results for Histadrut, it concerns only one person, David Levy." He adds that Levy and Geshar have suffered a "scalding defeat that could have implications on the future."

Yerushalmi states that the future of both Geshar and Meretz is ambiguous in light of the results. As for Peretz, "it would be exaggerated to say that Peretz could be considered a national leader."

*Ha'aretz's* Gidon Samet writes that the elections typify Israeli politics: "They highlighted the utter confusion in the crumbling Israeli politics... [a national politics] that has turned into a trivia game."

### Yassin's return

"There is not one mistake in the list of possible mistakes that the Israeli government has not made in its approach to Sheikh Ahmed Yassin," *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid writes, as government officials consider whether to allow the Hamas leader to return to Gaza after his fund-raising trip to Arab countries. He adds that in contrast to some

"hotheaded" people's opinions, Yassin should be allowed to return "in order not to provide Hamas with an excuse to resume terror attacks and to avoid turning this murderous robot into a martyr."

*Yedioth Aharanot's* Roni Shaked refers to the implication of Yassin's return on Hamas.

"Hamas, after Yassin's return to Gaza from a successful political journey, is a much stronger organization with more money, a stronger reputation and greater legitimacy, provided by most Arab countries, to serve as an alternative to [Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat's rule."

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Israel Airports Authority

BEN GURION 2000 PROJECT

### Public Tender No. C4020045 Airside Terminal Mechanical Contract

The Israel Airports Authority (IAA) hereby requests Proposals from qualified Offerors meeting the below listed Pre-Conditions for the Construction of the Airside Terminal Mechanical Work for the Ben Gurion 2000 Project. The Work of this Contract generally includes managing and performing the HVAC system and equipment, hot and cold water piping, chilled water piping, air handling units, variable air volume (VAV) boxes, ductwork and building control systems.

Preliminary Mandatory Requirements: This list summarizes the Pre-Conditions for an Offeror's Proposal to be Considered by the IAA. Only the complete language of the Pre-Conditions as stated in the RFP is binding. This text may be obtained by written request, submitted on company letterhead, to the PMF facsimile number stated below.

1. Offeror shall be registered with the Contractors Registrar of the State of Israel under the classification of Group B, Branch 170, Type 5 (Unlimited).
2. Offeror's minimum annual revenue in each of the last three (3) years was not less than the equivalent of Fifteen Million U.S. Dollars (\$15 Million).
3. Offeror's records must indicate, for each of the last three (3) years, the cost paid directly for labor for at least 80 persons (annual average).
4. Offeror has a minimum of six (6) years of experience in Mechanical (HVAC) Construction Work and constructed and completed not less than either:  
a. Two (2) non-residential mechanical (HVAC) systems of the equivalent of Three Million U.S. Dollars (\$3 Million) within the last five (5) years; or  
b. Two (2) projects of 25,000 square meters of non-residential air-conditioned area within the last five (5) years.
5. Offeror shall meet the staffing and personnel experience requirements specified in the RFP, Exhibit A.
6. Offeror shall meet the registration requirements for a legal entity stated in the RFP, Exhibit A.
7. Offeror shall meet the VAT and Israeli Tax Authorities' registration requirements stated in the RFP, Exhibit A.
8. Offeror shall provide an unconditional Bank Guarantee in the amount of Three Million and Five Hundred Thousand (3.5 Million) New Israel Shekels (NIS), valid for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the Proposal Submission Date, as specified in the RFP, Exhibit E.
9. Joint Ventures are allowed to participate in the Tender in accordance with the conditions stated in the RFP, Part B, Section 2 and Exhibit A.
10. Offeror, if a foreign entity, shall additionally provide a Commercial Cooperation Undertaking Agreement.

Additional Preliminary Requirements: Participation in the Tender process is subject to the Offeror's satisfying all Preliminary Requirements as detailed in the Mandatory Tender Regulations (1993), Clause 6 (a), (1), (2) and (3).

Proposal Documents: Tender Documents may be purchased until the Proposal Submission Date for the non-refundable amount of Thirteen Thousand New Israel Shekels (NIS 13,000), including VAT. Tender Documents are available from the Project Management Firm (PMF) Project Office located at Ben Gurion International Airport starting 8 June 1998 between the hours of 08:00 and 12:00, business days (Sunday through Thursday). Interested Offerors must contact the PMF Contracts Administrator, Mr. Zvi Peretz Cohen at telephone number: 972-3-877-4458 (Fax number 972-3-2958) a minimum of forty eight (48) hours in advance to arrange Site access. Interested parties may preview the Tender Documents prior to their purchase.

All qualifying Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes/packages not later than 10:00 hours local time on or before 4 August 1998 to the appropriate tender box located in the Archive of the Airports Authority, Main Office, 2nd Floor, Room No. 113, Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel.

A Pre-Proposal conference will be held at the Ben Gurion 2000 Project Site Offices on 17 June 1998 at 12:00 to clarify provisions in the RFP documents, to summarize and present the Project and to respond to written questions posed by Offerors. Offerors are strongly encouraged to attend, but participation is not mandatory. Site access must be arranged in advance as stated in the RFP.

The IAA is not bound to accept the lowest Proposal or any Proposal whatsoever.

This is an official notice by the German Embassy concerning the election to the Bundestag on September 27, 1998

### Bekanntmachung für Deutsche zur Wahl zum Deutschen Bundestag

Am 27. September 1998 findet die Wahl zum Deutschen Bundestag statt.

Deutsche, die außerhalb der Bundesrepublik Deutschland leben und hier keine Wohnung mehr innehaben, können bei Vorliegen der sonstigen wahlrechtlichen Voraussetzungen an der Wahl teilnehmen.

Für ihre Wahlteilnahme ist u.a. Voraussetzung, daß sie

1. nach dem 23. Mai 1949 und vor ihrem Fortzug aus der Bundesrepublik Deutschland<sup>1)</sup> mindestens drei Monate ununterbrochen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland<sup>1)</sup> gewohnt oder sich dort sonst gewöhnlich aufgehalten haben;
2. a. in Gebieten der übrigen Mitgliedstaaten des Europarates leben oder  
b. in anderen Gebieten leben und am Wahltag seit ihrem Fortzug aus der Bundesrepublik Deutschland<sup>1)</sup> nicht mehr als 25 Jahre verstrichen sind;
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- vom Bundeswahlleiter, Statistisches Bundesamt, D-65180 Wiesbaden,
- von den Kreiswahlleitern in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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Tel Aviv, 11. Juni 1998

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# Peretz: Israel has a new agenda

Histadrut chairman says worker rights, social issues top priorities

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Basking in the glory of his landslide victory in the elections, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz declared yesterday that "from now on the State of Israel has a new agenda, with workers' causes and social justice at the head of it."

Peretz won 77.7% of Tuesday's vote, while Maxim Levy of Geshet-Meretz made a 22.3% showing.

In a victory speech at his Am list headquarters made soon after his victory was confirmed, Peretz said that:

"From today no government will be able to ignore social issues. We are going to rebuild Israeli society. We're going to build it with less distortion, more justice, which will give a chance to every person regardless of religion, race, sex or party. There is no difference between a hungry Jewish child and a hungry Arab child."

Peretz also warned Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that if his government continues "to create unemployment and dismissals, we will stand as one against it, as we will against any other prime minister. There is no politics in making a living."

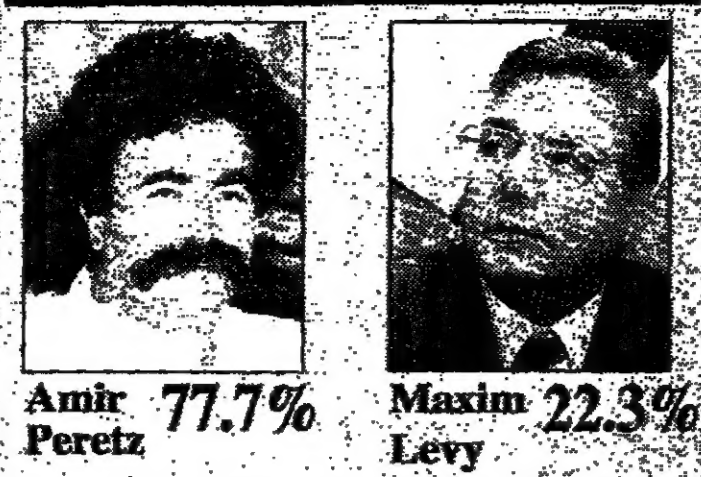
MK David Levy, the former foreign minister who helped his brother Maxim's campaign, said yesterday that Geshet-Meretz was not defeated in the elections.

"We had no representation in the Histadrut at all, yet we stood against all the parties, both left and right, haredi and Arabs," David Levy said.

Levy refused to say whether he would return to the Likud or the cabinet following the Histadrut results, or whether he would run for prime minister. Nor would he say whether Geshet would cooperate with Meretz in the Knesset elections.

David Levy predicted "far-reaching changes on Israel's political map in future. But Geshet is

## Histadrut election results



an independent party and will act as one before and after the elections," Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said.

"Israel's workers voted with their feet. Only 40% - some 250,000 - bothered to come to vote, no more than primaries in a large party."

He said that in the case of such a small and embarrassing number of voters, it was clear the Histadrut apparatus and workers who depended on it played a major part in the election results.

Sarid noted that with Geshet-Meretz's 18.3% in Histadrut institutions, it will constitute the largest faction. He noted Geshet alone is as large as the Likud faction, while Meretz alone is twice as large as Shas. "We got our share without favors or handouts, we stood on our own feet and got what we got not by charity of prior deals but by the direct support of the voters," Sarid said.

Peretz's list received less than 70%.

The Likud faction, which was allocated 11% of Am's positions, will be part of the Histadrut leadership for the first time in history. Faction head Ya'acov Shamai is already eyeing the position of chairman of the trade union section.

## This election was a real snoozer

### IN CONTEXT

The much vaunted confrontation in the Histadrut elections between chairman MK Amir Peretz and his rival MK Maxim Levy proved to be about as exciting as the super-flop World Cup opening ceremony in France.

Boredom was the name of the game in both cases, despite the overwhelming personal victory for the ubiquitous Peretz and his multi-party Am list.

The results, especially in terms of voter turnout, spoke volumes about the apathy of the public in general and Histadrut members in particular towards the elections, even in light of the economic situation, rising unemployment and factory closures.

"The Histadrut has become far less important than ever before,"

"The number of members has shrunk drastically and even among those the turnout was only 42 percent which by Israeli standards was extremely low," said Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor, a senior lecturer in Haifa University's political science department.

"I don't think the public was terribly interested or even aware of the issues or of the differences between the two coalitions."

"It was also a highly personalized election. Amir Peretz received a personal vote of confidence because he had been a very active, visible and vocal representative of workers' rights," Ben-Dor continued.

The interesting aspect of the elections, according to Ben-Dor, was the wind of change it represented in Israeli politics.

"What we witnessed was a continuation of a pragmatic trend, as opposed to the previously ideological one in Israeli politics, whereby now, it appears, it is possible to make a coalition with anybody."

"I think that what we are seeing - the ability to make diverse coalitions and be more versatile in politics rather than being stuck with one line of ideological argument - is a welcome change and may even help tone down the bitterness and vitriol that we hear sometimes in our political debates," said Ben-Dor.

His comments were echoed by Prof. Eliezer Don-Yehiya, from Bar Ilan University's political studies department. He maintained that the

coalition agreements that preceded the elections were more significant than the results.

"What happened before the elections, the different coalitions that were formed between Meretz and Geshet on the one hand and Labor, Likud, Shas, Israel Ba'aliya, DAP, on the other hand, is in itself significant," said Don-Yehiya.

"This is an expression of change that started beforehand in Israeli politics inasmuch as the parties in the past had a central role in all aspects. They represented clear ideologies, camps and social positions," he said.

"Today the lines between the parties and what they represent are much more blurred. The essence of this change is that it is possible to cross party lines, even between right-wing and left-wing, which was inconceivable in the past."

"This in turn represents a decline of the party system in Israeli politics which in some respects might be a good thing, and a rise in the personality element."

There is a clear distinction, however, between the role of parties in political matters, such as in making policy decisions, and the role of parties in other areas such as labor relations, economic or social issues," Don-Yehiya added.

Don-Yehiya maintained that the direct elections for prime minister had contributed to the personality trend and that Peretz, following the example of his predecessor MK Haim Ramon, had continued to cultivate this approach.

"Instead of parties, ideologies and various camps, the battle today is more between individuals," he said.

Nevertheless, he maintained that it would be wrong to draw any conclusions on the national political front from the results of the Histadrut elections.

There was no doubt, said Don-Yehiya, that Peretz strengthened his own position in terms of being seen as a political asset. But this does not mean that Peretz has acquired sufficient support for launching his own social or labor-orientated party, Don-Yehiya said.

The results for Geshet were even less clear-cut and might give party leader MK David Levy cause to pause for thought to reconsider the movement's future line, he added.

## DNA bank to help save cardiac patients

By JUDY SIEGEL

A national DNA bank for genotyping patients suffering from cardiomyopathy - an inherited disease of the heart muscle that can cause sudden death - will be established at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem.

In addition, a standardized clinical database of patients with cardiomyopathy will be created in the capital's Bikur Holim Hospital. Prof. Andre Keren, a senior cardiologist at Bikur Holim, said yesterday that these facilities will for the first time provide data on the incidence and natural history of cardiomyopathy in Israel, leading to molecular genetic diagnosis of patients and saving lives, as well as promoting multidisciplinary

research.

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, in which the muscular walls of the heart swell and prevent blood flow to the aorta, is found in one in 500 people. Specific genetic mutations were discovered in the US and Europe a decade ago, but the high cost of genetic typing and the distribution of cases among 25 cardiology departments around the country has prevented testing families whose members have died suddenly.

Cardiologists at all of the country's major medical centers have finally agreed to Keren's initiative to cooperate in a joint effort of clinical and genetic evaluation of their patients. It is being called ISAAC (Israeli Shared Action for the Advancement of Cardiomypathies).



### Silwan protest

A border policeman arrests a woman demonstrator yesterday in Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood, where some 50 US visitors protested against Jews moving into four homes there on Monday. Five protesters were arrested after staging a sit-in in the yard of one of the houses.

(Text: Eli Wohlgenant/Photo Flash 98)

## Government seeks information on Iranian Jew's execution

The Foreign Ministry has been instructed to ask the Red Cross, UN, and other international bodies to try to discover details concerning the reported execution of a leading member of the Iranian Jewish community in Tehran. Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom said Israel is also seeking information on the fate of other Iranian Jews jailed by the authorities there.

### Panel to tackle VIP security procedures

A special commission headed by

the former head of the General Security Service, Nahum Admoni, is currently drawing up security procedures for public officials, according to Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom. Shalom was answering a parliamentary question by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) on the safety of MKs in the wake of a wave of hate mail and threats.

Shalom said the list of those who require GSS protection is made by government decision and does not currently include MKs other than the head of the opposition and former prime minister.

### No confidence motions

The opposition parties are continuing their policy of filing weekly no-confidence motions. Yesterday, Labor and the Democratic Arab Party jointly filed a no-confidence motion over "The socioeconomic deterioration in Israel under the Netanyahu Government." Meretz and Hadash jointly filed one over "The bluff of the second further redeployment."

### Women's soccer

MK Yael Dayan (Labor) yesterday

### AT THE KNESSET

By LIA COLLINS

day opened the meeting of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women by welcoming the allocation of a NIS 2.5 million budget for women's football, saying it was particularly fitting at the start of the World Cup.

The Football Association has received a budget this year from the Education, Culture and Arts Ministry for building up an infrastruc-

ture for women's football.

### Norway may quit UNIFIL

Norway is considering pulling its soldiers out of the UNIFIL forces serving in south Lebanon. They would be replaced by soldiers from the Baltic states. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, who is visiting Norway at the head of a parliamentary delegation, heard of the possible pullout during a meeting with the defense minister, Dag Jostein Fjervoll.

The issues is expected to come to the vote in the Norwegian parlia-

ment next week. Tichon stressed that taking out the Norwegian battalion from UNIFIL, where it has played a central role for some 20 years, could unsettle the UNIFIL forces at the time Israel is trying to initiate a move to withdraw from south Lebanon.

### US, Israeli legislatures form security panel

Members of the Knesset and US Congress have established a joint panel on security issues, particularly the need for an effective defense against missiles.

The initiative was decided upon by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and Speaker of the US House of Representatives Newt Gingrich during the latter's recent visit to Israel.

The Israeli side of the panel will be headed by Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Uzi Landau (Likud) and a predecessor in the post, MK Ori Orr (Labor). The US side will be led by Senator Jon Kyl (R, Arizona) and Senator Joseph Lieberman (D, Connecticut). Rep. Curt Weldon (R, Pennsylvania) and Rep. Owen Pickett (D, Virginia).

## AGENDA

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The book, first published in 1982 by the Columbia University Press in New York after being approved by the defense establishment, and published a year later in Hebrew by Hakibbutz Hameuhad, places the threat of a preemptive strike - which affects small countries equipped with nuclear weapons - in a more logical perspective.

In the chapter which deals with Israel's second strike, Feldman discusses two contrasting approaches.

The first is that if the Arab states obtain nuclear weapons, it would upset the balance of fear, making it easier to "push the button" and strike the first blow. The second approach contends that the "balance of nuclear fear" would affect the Israeli deterrent, as a first strike by the Arabs would pose a serious threat to Israel's ability to respond.

Feldman adopts a cautious middle-of-the-road approach:

"Although a small country like Israel is more vulnerable in the nuclear sphere, when compared with a nuclear superpower or even medium-level power, the decision makers in enemy states cannot determine definitively the extent to which its nuclear power is vulnerable."

He stresses several elements which provide a country which has nuclear capability with security: "various launching possibilities, the number of warheads and launching facilities, mobility, alertness, dispersion capability, the ability to conceal, and secrecy."

As early as 1982, Feldman noted that Israel was likely to significantly extend the range of the Jericho missile, which according to publications at that time was about 420

kms. He also said at the time that Israel was capable of using a variety of aircraft as well as of developing a sea-borne launch capability.

In his view, the Arab states are far from finding solutions to the range of Israeli capabilities and, therefore, the chances of their threatening its deterrent are limited.

In other words, according to Feldman, to destroy nuclear capability, even that of a small nation like Israel, a threat to 80 percent, 90%, or even 99% of its nuclear arsenal is insufficient, for even 1% can cause terrible destruction to the other side.

In a conversation this week, Feldman said that nothing significant has changed following the Indian and Pakistani nuclear tests.

"We knew that both these countries had a nuclear capability and the purpose of these tests was to abandon the policy of ambiguity which had been adopted up to the present time. The geo-strategic considerations have not changed and this is also true with reference to the transfer of technologies to other Muslim countries."

The last thing that Pakistan, which seeks to preserve its status as the leading Muslim country in the nuclear field, will do is to share its monopoly with other Muslim countries. Moreover, these tests have created so many problems with the US for both countries that it is difficult to believe that in their efforts to rid themselves of Western pressure, they will become involved in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

This Sunday, a symposium, organized in conjunction with Harvard University, will open at the Jaffee Center to discuss "Challenges to World Security and that of the Middle East" with the participation of the most senior experts from the US and Israel and academics from Western countries.

### Peace with Syria

While the academic convention which took place at the Baker Institute in Texas last week was covered extensively by the media, due to the participation of Walid Muallem, Syria's ambassador to the US; Uzi Arad, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's political adviser; and former ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, the conference of Mediterranean nations held in Palermo with the participation of Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur went almost unnoticed.

Assessments in Texas and Italy were different, even though in both places there was no direct contact between the Israeli and Syrian representatives. In Texas, assessments went so far as to suggest that there had been Syrian hints of readiness for renewing the political process. Some Israeli sources described Dennis Ross as so eager to renew the negotiations that he was acting like "Syrian President Hafez Assad's man in Washington."

In Italy, there was a confrontation between Shara and Bentsur. The Syrians accused the Israelis of freezing the peace process, but when Bentsur asked to respond, Shara was forced to adopt a defensive position.

The US most definitely wants to see the deadlocked talks between Israel and Syria renewed. This would serve US interests. Ross was the administration's man in Damascus, and not the reverse, and just as ambassador Edward Djerejian, now the head of the Baker Institute, had been before him.

At Palermo, the Israeli delegation sensed that Syria was not budging from its position. The participants were of the opinion that it is not yet ready for direct dialogue with

Israel, and that they would prefer American mediation, as Syria's true target is Washington - aside from also wanting to regain the Golan Heights and to strengthen its position in the Arab world.

Damascus's nightmare is being encircled by its neighbors - Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Israel - leaving it isolated and destroying its claims to being a leader in the Arab world. The belief in the Foreign Ministry is that Assad's desire for peace is still a distant dream, whereas a mixture of interests vis-a-vis the US, anxiety over a possible Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon, and relations with the European Union are still the main cards on the table.

### Coalition Challenges

If I were to characterize the new political items this week, I would emphasize the recent in the US position regarding agreement on the size of the third redeployment. Perhaps this is due to a reassessment of Netanyahu's chances of reaching agreement with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and the increased chances of early elections. A wind of pessimism has even begun to blow from the President's Residence, where just a week ago cautious optimism could be heard.

In the political network, the opinion is gaining ground that without a package that would include the third redeployment - to cover the event of deadlock in the permanent-status negotiations - alongside a complete annulment of the Palestinian Covenant by the Palestinian National Council, Netanyahu will not manage to win a majority in the coalition for implementing the third redeployment. That would be the case even if the Americans manage to find a less compelling substitute for both these issues.

"How can we undertake a significant second redeployment without

knowing where the limits of compromise to which Israel will be required to commit itself are, and why does Arafat object to undertaking a declarative move regarding the covenant if he really wants peace?" coalition members are asking.

The American reply was that Netanyahu is not the only one with political problems. Arafat is worried about convening the PNC in the present atmosphere of severe disappointment over the political process in the territories.

Perhaps this can help explain the much-photographed meeting between Dan Meridor and opposition leaders and the publicity given to the long discussions which Netanyahu has been holding with the hard core of the right wing.

If Netanyahu carries out the withdrawal against the wishes of the right-wing, his coalition will be in danger and early elections is one of the possibilities he may have to take into consideration. In this case, MK Ze'ev (Beny) Begin may run for prime minister and take 15 percent of the vote. Dan Meridor will challenge Netanyahu from the center. According to polls he commissioned, he may well take 10% of the vote from either side (Netanyahu and Ehud Barak). According to his calculations and those of some senior Labor Party officials who are looking to replace Barak, this scenario may lead to a second round between Meridor and Barak, with an agreement for future cooperation.

The second scenario - no redeployment - secures the right flank for Netanyahu, but threatens the patience of The Third Way and others disappointed by the Likud.

Martin Indyk's journey to Cairo two days ago was undertaken mainly to ask President Hosni Mubarak to sit patiently, even though Washington too appreciates that without a package which suits

Israel, there will be no redeployment. Not in the near future.

### The Struggle over Silwan

On Monday afternoon, a sharp conflict took place in Silwan between Peace Now activists and the new residents, among them a personality somewhat different from the Israeli vanguard intent on taking over houses in the village. Adi Lahavi left his home in Moshava Kinneret for a house in the eye of the Jerusalem storm.

Lahavi, 68, came to Israel as a youth in 1946 and settled at Kibbutz Ma'abarot. In 1949 he was among the founder members of Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak in the Negev. He served in the IDF until after the Six Day War. His father died in a Romanian jail after having been arrested for Zionist activity, and his mother died in grief before managing to make aliyah.

"In Hashomer Hatzair, I was educated to love the Land of Israel and that's what I'm doing now," Lahavi said. "I was taught to fight for social justice, and I still fight with the same enthusiasm. I'm not the one who has changed - they have changed."

The following day, when I called him and said I had seen him at Silwan, he denied having been there. Only when I realized and mentioned Shiloah, did he reply: "That's my house. Before I bought it they proved that 70% of the village belongs to Jews. That's enough for me."

But it is not enough for Faisal Hussein: "If you want Jewish property in east Jerusalem to be restored to you, that's fine - on condition that you return our property in the western part of the city."

### Father of...

I believe that the most coveted title for any father who has a successful son is "father of." This

week's Israeli success story is undoubtedly the sale of the software company Mirabilis - to America On-Line for \$407 million. Among the brilliant minds which founded the company is the son of Yossi Vardi, former director-general of the Energy Ministry and a senior member of the negotiating team with Jordan and Syria.

It could be that Yossi, who at the time was the youngest director-general in the country and considered a creative genius, will now become known as father of Anik Vardi, who founded Mirabilis together with Yair Goldfinger and Seffi Vigiser.

Yossi Vardi, however, also had shares in the company and perhaps without his entrepreneurial and marketing ability the company would have remained as anonymous as many others of its kind.

During one of the marathon discussions in the peace talks with Syria at Wye Plantation, Vardi in a conversation with Dennis Ross commented that the time will come when he would invite Ross to a five-course gourmet meal in the desert. It could be that he did not like the menu or it may simply have been a way of improving the atmosphere. Now he can allow himself to fulfill his promise.

### Stander

Last week, as part of a story on contacts which Dr. Ahmed Tibi is conducting with Rakah (Israel's Communist Party), I quoted a senior party member who had commented that he (Tibi) frequents the Israeli cocktail party scene and "is photographed with people such as former General Security Service head Ya'acov Peri."

As Tibi considered this to be libelous and the source did not produce a picture, I feel I owe him an apology. I feel doubly compelled to apologize to Ya'acov Peri, although he has not complained.



Swiss president denies Wiesenthal Center historian's accusation

## 'Switzerland was pro-Nazi'

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — "Switzerland was not neutral (in World War II). It was openly pro-German," a historian for the Simon Wiesenthal Center said yesterday, charging that anti-Semitism was both widespread and was the official Swiss policy.

Switzerland's justice minister met with leaders of a Swiss antisemitic organization, the Swiss Fatherland Association, and promised to stop most Jews fleeing Hitler's troops from entering the country, historian Alan Morris Schom said.

"These representations are untenable and perfidious," Swiss President and Foreign Minister

Flavio Cotti said.

That led Schom, at a news conference in Manhattan, to declare: "Flavio Cotti is definitely involved in a cover-up of this affair."

Schom's report for the Wiesenthal Center includes details of meetings that indicate the close cooperation between and the anti-Semitism of justice minister Eduard von Steiger and the Swiss Fatherland Association, whose leaders included Swiss military and business elites. It already was well known that Switzerland was responsible for the imposition of the "J" stamp.

The report provides chilling photos of Nazi sympathizers' rallies in Switzerland in which

swastikas are prominently and publicly displayed.

"The extraordinary variety and number of associations and societies in Switzerland representing the extreme-right — patriotic, fascist, or both — during the Hitlerian era is most striking," said the 128-page study. It said there were more than three dozen such groups with cells or chapters in more than 160 cities, towns and villages.

Last week, the US issued its second report on the war-time activities of the so-called neutrals, in which it argued that these states had elastic ideas of neutrality, and served both the Axis and the Allies.

The Swiss government denounced the Schom report. At its embassy in the US, a spokesman said that 27,000 Jews found refuge in Switzerland, while the US admitted only 21,000.

An independent, international historical panel commissioned by the Swiss government is expected to release its report on Switzerland's war-era refugee policy in December.

Although Schom's report included extensive material on Nazi and pro-Nazi groups in Switzerland between 1930 and 1945, he was unable to indicate the proportion of the Swiss population that supported the groups.

Switzerland says that it remained a democratic society during the war, and that there was only limited popular sentiment for radical groups. According to Swiss government statistics, the right-wing parties never got more than 1.5 percent of the vote. Of the 244 seats in parliament, only one seat was held by a representative of the radical groups, for four years ending in 1939, according to the Swiss Embassy.

Some of the most active Swiss Nazis fled to Germany and were stripped of Swiss citizenship, the embassy said. Others were prosecuted and 99 were convicted of treason after the war.

## Pardesiya Hospital holds protest against violence

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Pardesiya (Lev Hasharon) Government Psychiatric Hospital will run a 24-hour protest against violence in response to threats that a doctor received from a patient.

On Thursday a department director got a threatening letter, and on Sunday a messenger brought a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of petrol to his door, accompanied by another threatening missive.

That evening, a fire was set in the doctor's department.

The following day, the female director of another Pardesiya department was threatened over the phone with physical harm. Complaints about these incidents were filed with the police.

The nurses have said they would join the doctors in their sanctions today.

The Association of Government Hospital Doctors sent an urgent letter to Health Ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabasi, noting that the events at Pardesiya are exceptional in their seriousness even in comparison to the other numerous attacks and threats on medical staffs in recent weeks.

The association warned that doctors may resort to taking action that could "shock" the health system unless policemen are posted in emergency rooms and other facilities where attacks and threats have occurred.

A joint committee of national police and the Health Ministry is due today to present its report to the authorities on recommendations for deterring violence against medical staffs. Police have agreed to arrest suspected perpetrators of violence against health personnel and to have them tried immediately.

## Dell: Pupil should not suffer for parents' school debts

Jerusalem Post Staff

It is absolutely forbidden to punish a pupil because of his or her parents' failure to pay various school fees, Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell recently wrote to all the nation's schools.

He gave the following examples of forbidden behavior: A pupil cannot be kept out of class, barred from taking tests, or from taking matriculation exams — if he has paid for them — because of other non-payments. It also is forbidden to refuse a pupil entry to the school or to withhold his report card or matriculation certificate.

In the case of parents who fail to pay fees or for equipment or services they have expressly authorized in writing to be provided to their children, but not because they cannot afford to pay, the appropriate legal steps should be taken, he said.

The ministry spokesman added that principals should seek to enlist the aid of the school's parents' committee in dealing with those who refuse to pay.

Dell noted that principals must act with great sensitivity in this area, especially in times of economic difficulty and high unemployment, and make every effort to see that pupils do not suffer because of the financial situation of their families.

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A flying tank

A Merkava Mk-III jumps across a trench yesterday during an exhibition in the Golan Heights at a gathering of the Armored Corps' Barak Division.

(Avihu Shapiro/Israel Sun)

General testifies in Maccabiah bridge case:

## IDF bid to build bridge was rejected

The IDF had offered to build a bridge strong enough to bear tank traffic for the ill-fated opening ceremonies of the Maccabiah Games last summer, but was turned down because its bid was too high, a general testified yesterday in a Tel Aviv court.

The bridge that was eventually built by a private company for less than half the cost collapsed during the opening ceremony of the games last July, killing four Australian athletes and injuring

dozens of others.

About 100 Australian athletes were on the bridge when it buckled, plunging them into the polluted river below.

Two contractors, the engineer who designed the bridge, the director of the event and the chairman of the Maccabiah organizing committee are being tried on charges of negligent homicide and building without proper permits. They face up to three years in prison if convicted.

Two IDF officers testified yesterday for the prosecution, which is trying to show that the event organizers acted to cut costs at the expense of safety.

Brig-Gen. On Ragonis said the IDF had offered to build the bridge for NIS 288,000. Yoram Eyal, the chairman of the organizing committee, asked for the price to be lowered, and appealed to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to build the bridge for free, Ragonis said.

The civilian contractor who was eventually chosen had entered a bid of NIS 120,000.

"The Maccabiah organizing committee wanted the army to construct the bridge," Ragonis said. "Yoram Eyal asked us to lower the price to the level of the civilian contractors."

Ragonis said that in the past, the IDF would have built the bridge for free. But the military is being streamlined and now charges to cover its costs, he said. (AP)

## HU researchers develop X-ray 'breakthrough'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Researchers from Jerusalem's Hebrew University have developed a new type of detector plate for digital X-rays which can provide instant computer readouts, cover large scanned areas and greatly reduce the amount of radiation absorbed by patients.

The polycrystalline mercuric iodide plates are expected to replace emulsion film currently in use in X-ray radiology. The HU detector plate allows direct digital readouts in real time that can be stored and handled by a computer. The image can be viewed on a computer screen and sent for consultation anywhere in the world via the Internet.

The plates, whose developers yesterday received the Kaye Innovation Award, are relatively inexpensive, highly sensitive and produce excellent images.

Prof. Michael Schreiber of the

graduate school of applied science headed the research team. Also among them were Dr. Jacob Nissenbaum, Dr. Leonid Melkhov and doctoral student Asaf Zook.

The Kaye Awards were established by Isaac Kaye of England, a leading figure in the pharmaceutical industry there.

Schreiber called the method a "breakthrough" in digitalization that will be commercialized in the near future.

The already-patented mercuric iodide material is inexpensive to manufacture and has been proven effective.

The plates can also be used in mammography, fluoroscopy or dental imaging, as well as in other applications that require large-area imaging detectors, such as astrophysics.

A unique glass/ceramic technology known as sol-gel technology, which was developed by other HU researchers, has also won a Kaye Award.

Profs. David Avnir, Michael

Ottolenghi, Sergei Braun and Ovadia Lev received the prize. Also on their team was Prof. Renata Reisfeld.

The researchers developed the world's first means for introducing organic and biological materials into glass manufactured at room temperature. Previously, because of the high temperatures, it was possible to include only a small number of chemical compounds in glass, while biological and organic molecules tended to be

destroyed by the heat.

Since 99% of all known molecules are either organic or biological, the discovery is expected to make possible the invention of many new optical and sensory devices involving organic chemical reactions.

The sol-gel technique has been patented by Yissum, Kodak, Du Pont, Merck, Westinghouse and Goodyear are among the companies involved in sol-gel applications.

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## NEWS

in brief

### Matza 'meets' Syrian interior minister

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday held an unplanned meeting with Syrian Interior Minister Naim Elias in New York, where the two are attending the UN's special session on drug abuse. At a reception given by the president of the UN Security Council, Matza was speaking with the UN undersecretary when Elias joined them. Matza, who speaks Arabic, identified himself and offered to renew talks of the Middle East committee for the war on drugs. The Syrian "looked embarrassed," according to ministry officials, but he continued to converse. In the end, he half-heartedly agreed that the joint Middle East effort to fight drug traffic and abuse should be renewed.

Judy Siegel

### Beth Hatefutsoth celebrates 20th anniversary

Beth Hatefutsoth has scheduled a series of events to celebrate its 20th anniversary. The museum will be opened to the public at no charge tomorrow.

According to a survey Beth Hatefutsoth conducted of Israeli Jews, 64 percent do not believe that Israel should be used as an example for world Jewry and 28% do.

Jerusalem Post Staff

### UK Reform Jews to fight conversion bill

The British Reform movement has vowed to fight attempts to bring up the conversion bill in the Knesset which it sees as a measure that could prejudice the rights of Reform Jews.

Movement leaders have written to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other ministers stressing the "irreparable damage" that the bill would cause.

The Reform movement had "gone the extra mile, made concessions and bent over backward to accommodate the fears of Orthodoxy, but in the end this proved futile," said British Reform chief executive Rabbi Tony Bayfield.

"We will not be dismissed as destroyers of Judaism or reduced to a cipher because of rabbinic power politics in Israel," he said.

Douglas Davis

### Local authorities petition labor court

The Union of Local Authorities yesterday applied to the National Labor Court for an injunction to block the intended strike Sunday by local council clerks. The clerical workers plan to strike over cutbacks mandated by the Finance Ministry as part of a nationwide recovery plan for the financially strapped authorities. ULA chairman Adi Eldar said in a statement yesterday that the differences in opinion between the Histadrut and the Treasury should be solved in negotiations, and not by harming municipal services.

Jerusalem Post Staff

### Five injured in feud between families

Five people were injured Tuesday night in a clash between warring families in Kfar Kara. One of the injured was a 12-year-old boy, who was reported to be in moderate condition at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. Two other were in moderate condition in Hadera's Hillel Yaffe Hospital, and two others were lightly injured. Four of those involved were arrested.

Itim

### Pardess Katz gang leader probed on Harari

Police yesterday questioned Yitzhak Hadif, who reportedly heads the Pardess Katz gang, about the attempt to murder Roni Harari at a Givatayim cafe in May. Harari is the brother of Yossi Harari, a leader of the rival Ramat Amikud gang.

Police suspect that Hadif was involved in planning the murder attempt. Hadif is serving a three-year jail sentence for being an accessory to a failed bank robbery.

Itim

### Yeshiva, neighbors call truce in Tiberias

A truce was called on Tuesday night between the family of Rabbi Dov Kook and the Dahans, who leave near the Kook yeshiva in Tiberias. The feud had been going on for more than a year, and police were often called in to prevent violence.

An agreement reached with the intervention of officials such as Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, calls for the Tiberias Municipality to construct a wall to separate the Kook yeshiva from the Dahans' apartment. Boarding students are to be housed elsewhere. The Dahans agreed to drop all their complaints and an appeal to the High Court.

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## Yassin's journeys

How's that for a stab in the back? With Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat's back to the wall in negotiations with Israel, Arab states choose this moment to back the most serious challenge to him in many years.

The travels of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin have led to unprecedented support in the capitals of Arab states for his anti-Arafat, anti-Israel cause.

Yassin was freed by Israel last October in hopes he would be a moderating influence on Hamas. Other factors included his poor health and the aftermath of the debate after the Mossad tried to assassinate Hamas political leader Khaled Masha'al in Amman.

But the 61-year-old radical cleric - confined to a wheelchair, partly blind, partly deaf, and with a lung ailment - has not acted like a man on his death bed.

Setting off in February, ostensibly in search of medical care, he has since tirelessly visited Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Iran, Kuwait (which rejects any relations with Arafat), and Sudan. Jordan and Lebanon refused to let him in.

This tour has had four main results:

- An increasingly open Hamas challenge to Arafat's leadership. Yassin accurately noted Hamas's determination to avoid "under any circumstances inter-Palestinian fighting."

- Arafat had constantly demanded Yassin's release and greeted him warmly when Israel let him leave prison. When he wants to do so, Yassin speaks glowingly of Palestinian unity: "We all stand in one trench against one enemy that does not differentiate between one Palestinian and another."

- But it is clear he insists that cooperation requires the PA to let Hamas operate and attack Israel without restriction.

- His preference is for Hamas to be the leadership. While never attacking Arafat by name, Yassin made a withering critique of his policies: "The PA punishes the Palestinian people and Hamas collectively."

- He warned that "those who are capitalizing to the enemy and those who abandon their people's rights are distancing themselves from the people."

- Yassin was able to appeal to Palestinians abroad for support and to meet with other anti-Arafat Palestinian groups. His speeches were carried throughout the Arab world, and into the PA-ruled areas, by television.

- Growing support for Hamas, including financial aid, from several states. Yassin said all the countries he visited "confirmed their support to all Hamas-sponsored jihad and resistance operations. This constitutes a change in the attitude of those countries

towards the movement." Iran was particularly warm toward Yassin, and he was received by all the top leaders. Clearly, Tehran offered more financial support for Hamas, though the exact amount is not known.

- A harsh rejection of Israel's existence by even Hamas's standards. He described negotiations with Israel as "a waste of time" from the start.

- "The first quarter of the next century will witness the elimination of the Zionist entity and the establishment of the Palestinian state over the whole of Palestine," he said. During the last three months, Hamas has threatened to stage terrorist attacks to force Israel to release Palestinian prisoners, block Western attacks on Iraq, and now to ensure Yassin can return to Gaza.

- While Yassin clearly draws on the stalled nature of the peace process, of course Hamas carried out many attacks when the process was advancing quickly.

- Most interesting were Yassin's open statements on points which Hamas usually denies.

- In Damascus, where Yassin apparently felt himself to be in friendly territory, he said Hamas would keep fighting Israel "until the liberation of all Palestine."

- Revealing Hamas's growing foreign connections, he praised Syrian President Hafez Assad, saying he had "extended all support for our struggle."

- Yassin also admitted close ties between Hamas and Hizbullah. This point is especially significant since such help for Hamas is a big asset for its attempts to penetrate and control Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

- In addition, it hints at how a new front could open along the Lebanon-Israel border if Israel withdrew. Even if Hizbullah ceased attacks, it would assist Hamas in launching raids.

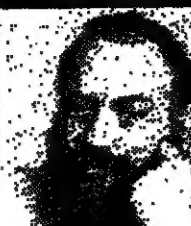
- Especially revealing was Yassin's statement, contrary to his lieutenants' constant claims, that there is no distinction between Hamas's "political wing" and its "military" force, the Izzad al-Qassam Brigades.

- "We cannot separate the wing from the body. If we do so, the body will not be able to fly. Hamas is one body," he said.

- The PA has stood by powerlessly but deeply frustrated at these events. Nabil Amr, Arafat's media director, spoke of Yassin's "inflammatory remarks... harmful to national unity and accused him of waging 'a campaign of political sabotage' damaging Palestinian interests."

- Hamas is clearly unable to unseat the PA or overcome Arafat's legitimacy, but treachery from supposed Arab brothers and Yassin's increasing boldness is disquieting the Palestinian leadership.

### The Region



Barry Rubin

# A Japanese ray of light

As outsiders wring their hands over Tokyo's seeming apathy over demands for reform, big changes are in fact occurring beneath the surface

By JAMES FLANNIGAN

TOKYO - The yen dwindles in value, but there is more important news from here, and it illustrates why Japan will never be the same.

The purchase by Travelers Group of half of Nikko Securities, following Merrill Lynch's expansion in Tokyo, signals that Japan's closed financial and economic system - despite skepticism around the world - is going to open up dramatically in the next few years.

As outsiders wring their hands over Japan's seeming obliviousness to demands for reform, big changes are in fact occurring beneath the calm surface.

"There is a legal and official undercurrent that people don't notice. In corporate finance, we are going to become more like the United States," says T. Yoshitami Arai, a consultant who years ago was in on the ground floor of Sony's dramatic success. "The administrative and legal system is going to change very rapidly, because the government is going to require more disclosure by publicly owned corporations."

Forty years ago, Arai helped Akio Morita open Sony's first warehouse and distribution center in New York. He was part of Japan's decades-long rise to industrial eminence as its well-made cars, appliances, television equipment and industrial machinery swept to world leadership.

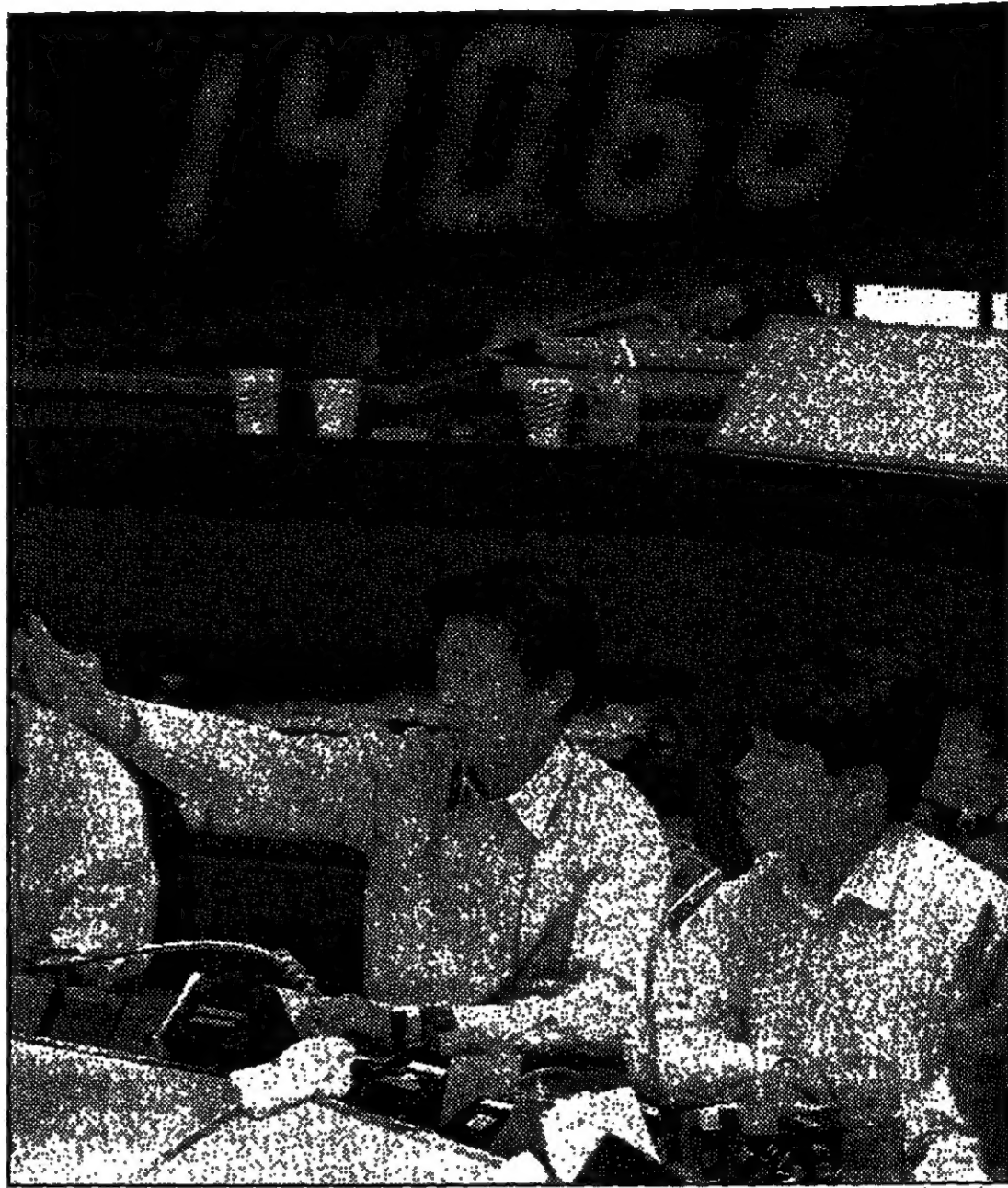
A renowned corporate-government system carried Japan to that eminence. Exports were prized, foreign competition and investment in Japan were tightly controlled, and financing was plentiful from Japan's banks under the tutelage of the Ministry of Finance. It was a system praised for long-term views of investment and capital.

But glaring flaws in the system have been showing up in this current economic crisis.

Lulled by easy finance, Japanese industry has built vast overcapacity to supply markets that are no longer buying. They expanded overseas and liberally financed product development. But under a system that put priority on increasing exports and keeping the work force employed, many Japanese companies never put a priority on profits.

Japanese businessmen routinely admit that half the country's major companies are unprofitable by international accounting standards. And Akio Mikuni, founder of Mikuni & Co., Japan's first credit-rating agency, puts the credit-worthiness of 60 percent of Japan's major companies at junk bond levels.

The bills are now coming due on all that easy capital. Japan's banks



Currency traders in Tokyo on Monday, as the dollar broke through the 140-yen level for the first time in seven years. Japan's economic crisis is unveiling fundamental flaws in the system. (AP)

are loaded with \$800 billion to \$1 trillion in bad loans, some dating to real estate speculation in the 1980s, others to Southeast Asian ventures. To meet international banking standards, they can no longer simply roll over unpaid company loans. They must write them off or collect.

More worrisome is that inattention to profit has left Japan's pension funds seriously underfunded, with only 60% of the money they will need to pay retiree benefits.

The pension funds, in turn, have performed dismally, earning an inadequate 1.5% a year by investing almost totally in Japanese government bonds.

Pension inadequacy, along with doubts about the banks, has aroused anxieties among the Japanese people, who are demanding higher-yielding investments. That's why the Japanese government is inviting Travelers and Merrill, Goldman Sachs and

Morgan Stanley to offer mutual funds and other investment products to Japan's household savers.

That's a huge potential market: Japanese households have piled up an incredible \$10 trillion in savings in post office and bank accounts.

It is extraordinary and unprecedented for Japan's government to open such opportunities to foreign concerns. That it is doing so is testimony to how seriously the government views the political and

financial problems. Other revolutions are to come with demands from international investors and the Japanese government that companies adopt international accounting standards.

Traditional Japanese accounting has favored fiction over fact. The method, expressly approved by the Finance Ministry, blithely refuses to acknowledge bad news, such as losses in business operations, explains Iwao Tomita, 74-year-old founder of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, a leading Tokyo accounting firm, and a longtime campaigner for Japan to adopt international accounting standards.

For years, false accounting has made Japanese companies look more successful than they are, says Tomita, who holds an MBA from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. The aim, he says, was to "keep financial order - by cheating shareholders."

But now, with pension reform, shareholders will count. And an overhaul of Japanese industry is inevitable, similar to what American business went through in recent decades as pension fund managers demanded that US companies be restructured to produce higher returns on retirement savings.

For Japanese companies, the model is clear. "Japanese companies need to become as efficient in using capital as they are at producing automobiles," says Kenneth Couris, Tokyo-based chief Asia economist for Deutsche Bank.

Restructuring has already begun. Hundreds of companies have announced intentions to buy back shares, a classic US method of boosting shareholder value.

Look for Japanese conglomerates to start breaking up, perhaps selling operations to managers who are increasingly being paid in stock options in order to link their pay more closely to the stock price.

And the same fears and uncertainties that afflicted the US Midwest in the 1980s are now evident in Japan. Indeed, layoffs have begun. Unemployment is at 4.1% and rising, and the Japan Research Center, a Tokyo think tank, predicts 9% unemployment early in the next century.

The implications of Japan's restructuring for the rest of Asia and for global investment will be profound. For Asia, Japan's investment in other countries may well increase as Japanese companies seek to maximize profit through adroit use of lower-cost overseas operations.

For global markets, savvy investors will recall that the US bull market began when American companies started restructuring in earnest in 1982.

(Los Angeles Times)

## Clinton's war on drugs hits snag

By JOHN M. GOSCHKO and DOUGLAS FARAH

UNITED NATIONS - President Clinton Monday urged drug-producing and drug-consuming countries to stop blaming each other for the international narcotics trade and join in a concerted effort to reduce from 190 million the number of people worldwide who use illegal drugs.

But in a reminder of the disagreements that trouble even nominal

allies in anti-drug efforts, Clinton's call to stop "pointing fingers" was brushed aside by Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo. He rebuked the United States sharply for allegedly violating his country's laws with an undercover money-laundering operation that has become a major diplomatic dispute between the two neighbors.

Clinton made his plea to presidents, prime ministers and Cabinet officers of 150 nations attending a UN drug conference. The president also announced a \$2 billion,

five-year media campaign that would target American youth with the message that "drugs destroy young lives, don't let it destroy yours." In his keynote speech, Clinton tried to steer around traditional arguments about whether illicit drug traffic is more the fault of largely Third World countries that derive great profits by producing the raw materials of drugs such as heroin and cocaine or industrial states such as the US with enormous numbers of addicts.

"The debate between drug-supplying and drug-consuming nations about whose responsibility the drug problem is has gone on too long," Clinton said. "Let's be frank - this debate has not advanced the fight against drugs. Pointing fingers is distracting. It does not dismantle a single cartel, help a single addict, prevent a single child from trying and perhaps dying from heroin. ... Drugs are every nation's problem, and every nation must act to fight them - on the streets, around the kitchen table and around the world."

But the nods of approval that greeted Clinton's appeal did not disguise the fact that some of the countries participating in the conference - particularly in Latin America and Asia - are places where some senior officials are engaged in protecting illicit drug trafficking and where, as apparently was the case in Mexico, suspicion between US and local law enforcement officials frequently hampers effective cooperation.

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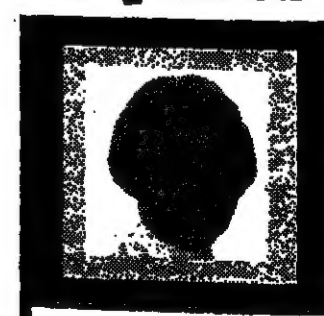
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# Surprise pay deal ends Air France strike

By CRISPAN BALMER

PARIS (Reuters) — Air France signed an agreement with its striking pilots yesterday, ending a devastating 10-day dispute at the airline just hours before the start of the World Cup soccer tournament.

Government, unions, and management hailed the accord, which was clinched after secret all-night negotiations.

"Air France is taking off again," said company chairman Jean-Cyril Spinetta. "This is excellent news for all its clients, who have been extremely put out these last few days, and is also excellent news for all its staff." The company said it expected to get its domestic and European flights back to normal by midday tomorrow, though its long-haul service would not be 100 percent operational until next Monday.

The pilots' strike cost the company some 100 million francs (\$16.7 million) a day in lost revenues and overshadowed the build-up to the World Cup, raising the specter of air-travel chaos during the competition.

At the heart of the accord was a commitment by the pilots to accept share options on a voluntary basis in return for taking a pay cut. The scheme will last seven years.

Management had previously sought to impose a permanent wage reduction on all its 3,200 pilots in return for the options, as it aimed to bring 500 million

francs a year in savings from its pilots' payroll.

Spinetta said that under the accord, those pilots who refused to take a part of Air France's share capital would have to accept a seven-year freeze in their pay scales.

The economic objective that I indicated for the company to put it in the same situation as its European competitors is an objective that has been met," he told France Info radio station.

As a second part of the accord, the carrier dropped plans to introduce a two-tier pay scale, which would have put junior pilots in a low salary bracket. But the new pay scale will see pilots taken on at 300,000 francs (\$50,100) a year against 350,000 francs at present.

Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, who has been in constant contact with Air France management in recent days to try to defuse the stand-off, welcomed the deal. "I think that this accord will now enable the company, which has the means at its disposal for development, to carry on," he told reporters.

The SNPL, which has been vilified by the media for its walkout, was also positive about the agreement.

"This signed deal provides a framework which is favourable for stability within the company and is indispensable for the development of Air France," a union spokesman said.

The strike had forced Air France to cancel at least 75 percent of its flights every day since June 1.

Negotiations to end the row broke up without agreement on Saturday and commentators were predicting a lengthy shutout. But unions and management met on Tuesday evening and finally reached a deal at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The airline initially tried to introduce a mandatory pay cut after commissioning a report which showed that its pilots were paid 40 percent more than their counterparts at Germany's Lufthansa and 19 percent more than those at British Airways.

Air France, the official World Cup carrier, has just returned to profit after seven years in the red. But it said it needed savings to remain competitive and fund an ambitious expansion program, including the acquisition of 70 new aircraft.

However, just as one conflict in the transport sector was settled, another rumbled on unresolved.

State railways has warned passengers that some of its regional lines will be affected by a 36-hour conductors' strike which started late Tuesday. The dispute was not expected to disrupt connections to the Stade de France, where the opening World Cup game is being staged.

And flights to Bordeaux in the southwest of France had to be diverted to nearby cities because of a strike by baggage handlers.



An Air France pilot heads for his plane yesterday at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport after the end of a pilot strike that had severely embarrassed France.

## Western diplomats propose Kosovo deadline

By FRANCOIS RAITBERGER

PARIS (Reuters) — Senior diplomats of the Contact Group on former Yugoslavia yesterday proposed giving Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic a deadline to end violence in Kosovo or face measures that may include military action.

Jacques Blot, political director at the French Foreign Ministry, told a news conference after talks with Contact Group colleagues the proposal would be put to the foreign ministers of the six-nation group when they meet in London tomorrow.

Blot said the diplomats from the US, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and Russia had agreed on a package of measures to be

put to Milosevic and the leaders of the Albanian majority in Kosovo to end violence and resume dialogue.

"The ministers should set a deadline for these measures to be accepted and carried out," he said.

If they are not implemented, the Contact Group would meet again to decide other steps, which the diplomats agreed would not rule out any possibility, Blot said.

Serbia's crackdown on ethnic Albanians in its southern province has drawn accusations of Bosnia-style "ethnic cleansing" and stirred fears of another Balkan conflict.

World leaders have signalled growing impatience with the conflict which erupted at the end of February with a Serbian police

assault on strongholds of the ethnic Albanian separatist guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

NATO is studying contingency plans for possible military intervention, and Britain has proposed a draft UN resolution authorizing the use of force to settle the conflict.

Carefully wording his statement, Blot declined to use the word "ultimatum" and said the Contact Group diplomats had not set a time for the deadline.

"It will not be very long," he said, adding that the Contact Group countries regarded Milosevic as primarily responsible for the bloodshed by using excessive violence in the rebellious province.

He said the diplomats were given a

detailed assessment of the fighting in Kosovo, where Serbian forces are using heavy mortars and artillery, sending thousands of refugees fleeing over rugged mountains to safety in Albania.

Blot said all Contact Group members agreed on the urgency of preventing an escalation of the conflict. "The Contact Group regards the time left for a political settlement as extremely short," he said.

Former Spanish prime minister Felipe Gonzalez, appointed by the Contact Group, the EU, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to mediate in ex-Yugoslavia, joined the meeting and made proposals to be put to the London meeting.

## EU proposes ending British beef ban

By DAVID EVANS

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The European Commission yesterday proposed lifting restrictions on mainland British beef exports, more than two years after they were imposed over the mad cow disease crisis.

The proposal, covering meat from animals born after August 1996, will now be discussed by veterinary experts from European Union member states, and probably passed to farm ministers for a final decision.

"Fully in accordance with the scientific advice, the commission now proposes the legal framework for a partial lifting of the ban under the rules of the Date-Based Export Scheme," the commission said in a statement.

"This scheme will allow the dispatch of deboned fresh meat and meat products from eligible animals born and reared in the United Kingdom after August 1, 1996," it said.

A political decision on the ban is not expected for some months, although there is a small chance the proposal will make it onto the next agenda at a farm ministerial meeting starting on June 22.

Member state veterinary experts are expected to give the proposal a first reading this Friday, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for June 16.

Britain's plan to resume export-

ing beef from animals born after August 1996 — the date when a ban on feeding meat and bone meal to animals was fully effective — has been a key condition for the last nine months.

The commission's endorsement of it will be a major relief to British cattle farmers, who say the worldwide export embargo has devastated their industry and livelihoods, wiping out valuable markets at a stroke.

Ministers have already voted to ease export restrictions in Northern Ireland, where a computer database can track cattle movements, and the incidence of mad cow disease, or BSE, causing spongiform encephalopathy, has always been much lower.

Britain's Farm Minister Jack Cunningham has repeatedly told his EU counterparts British beef is the safest in Europe, but it remains to be seen whether sceptical member states such as Germany will have the same faith in Britain's mainland scheme.

The British government, which holds the EU presidency until the end of June, has been pushing the commission to make its proposal as early as possible, and wants to be able to go into the summit of EU leaders in Cardiff on June 15-16 demonstrating real progress on an issue which dogged the previous Conservative Administration.

## DRUGS

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While Clinton praised Zedillo both for taking the lead role in initiating the conference and for Mexico's recent anti-trafficking successes, the Mexican president, who spoke immediately after Clinton, responded with words unmistakably aimed at the US.

"We have the right to demand a balanced strategy," Zedillo said.

"Balanced so that each country assumes that in the fight against drug trafficking, we are all co-responsible, with the same rights and obligations. We must all respect the sovereignty of each nation so that no one can become the judge of others, and no one feels entitled to violate the other countries' laws for the sake of enforcing its own." Zedillo was apparently referring to a sting operation revealed last month, code-named Operation Casablanca, in which US narcotics agents con-

ducted a covert investigation inside Mexico and then lured Mexican bankers to a fake casino in the US. In the aftermath, some 150 people were arrested, \$110 million was seized, and three Mexican banks were indicted in the US.

The decision by US authorities to conceal the operation from Mexican officials has touched off a wave of intense anger in Mexico.

Mexico has called for the extradition of US customs agents involved in the sting. The situation has been aggravated by publication in Mexico of a letter to Zedillo from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., expressing "deep disappointment" over the Mexican attitude and accusing Mexico of "broken promises" in the drug war.

Later Clinton and Zedillo met in an effort to smooth over differences about the operation and issued a joint statement saying that combating drugs is "best accomplished through improved cooperation and mutual trust, with full respect for the sovereignty of both nations."

James Dobbins of the National Security Council said there had been no discussion of extradition of US agents and added that Zedillo told Clinton that the Mexican attorney general's office was investigating to determine whether US authorities had broken any Mexican laws.

Acrimony over Operation Casablanca overshadowed other parts of Clinton's message, which included the large anti-drug publicity program. US officials said Congress will be asked to provide \$175 million of the \$2 billion, with the rest coming from businesses and philanthropies.

The conference is set to take up for discussion a controversial plan for anti-narcotics efforts evolved by Pino Arlacchi, the chief UN

counternarcotics official. The plan would induce farmers in nine drug-producing countries to switch to legal crops.

However, US officials have made known that the US almost certainly would refuse to give money to at least two of these countries: Myanmar, formerly Burma, because of its repressive regime, and Afghanistan, where Moslem fundamentalists have repressed women's rights.

In what appeared to be a recognition that US opposition is irreversible, Arlacchi, in talking with reporters, said there were no plans to give these two countries large amounts of money until they made fundamental political changes. Burhanuddin Rabbani, the president of the Taliban, which controls

much of Afghanistan, addressed the conference Monday without addressing this point.

President Ernesto Samper of Colombia, another country that would receive funds under the Arlacchi plan, said in his address that no country had done more than his to combat the international drug trade.

Samper's US visa was revoked two years ago because of evidence he took \$6 million from the Cali cocaine cartel for his 1994 election campaign.

"No other country has done more, and under more lonely circumstances," Samper said, adding that drug trafficking "once and for all" had to be recognized internationally as a multilateral problem. (Washington Post)

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# Financial crisis dents Russia's image

By TIMOTHY HERITAGE

MOSCOW (Reuters) — G-8? What G-8? Less than a month ago, Russia was basking in the glory of winning full membership of the Group of Eight industrialized nations at the exclusive club's annual summit in the English city of Birmingham.

But finance officials from the other seven member states are meeting this week in Paris to discuss Russia's economic problems and consider how it might help it through a financial crisis.

The meeting is a throwback to old times, when the Group of Seven often discussed aid for Russia to protect its fledgling reforms after the collapse of Communist rule.

The need for similar discussions now, more than six years after reforms began, underlines the gulf between Russia's economy and the economies of the other G-8 members — the US, Japan, France, Germany, Britain, Italy and Canada.

It is a blow to Moscow's prestige and a setback to President Boris Yeltsin's efforts to portray Russia as a world power on an equal footing with other G-8 states, independent analysts say.

"It is curious that just a couple

of weeks after Birmingham, which was depicted as 'full entrance to the G-8' for Moscow, reports by world news agencies have returned to the old and more suitable economic realities of the abbreviation — G-7," the daily newspaper *Sevodayno* said.

Independent analysts in Moscow say the crisis — in which Russian shares fell, treasury bill yields soared and interest rates were hiked briefly to 150 percent to protect the ruble — could cause long-term damage to Russia's image.

"The crisis has eased, at least for now, partly because of talk that the G-7 might offer Russia assistance. But there is no mistaking the impact the crisis has had on Russia's image."

"It is awfully damaging. It not only damages investors' confidence but also hurts Russia on the world stage," said Dmitry Trenin, a Moscow-based analyst at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Everyone knew it already, but this clearly shows Russia does not qualify on economic terms with the others in the G-8. It is safe for Russia to talk about a G-8, but in reality there are only seven industrial powers."

Russia can point to the fact that it plays a part in the G-8's political

decisions. As a nuclear power, and permanent member of the UN Security Council, it has a big role in talks on the recent nuclear tests by Pakistan and India.

Moscow can also boast that Britain appealed to it last weekend to use its traditional ties with Yugoslavia to help end the violence in its troubled province of Kosovo.

But Russia's economic power clearly does not match its political power.

The notion of the G-7 discussing Russia's economic problems revives memories of the group's annual summits in the early 1990s, when Moscow's reforms and the question of financial assistance were often on the agenda.

Russian officials loudly celebrated the fact that Russia's reforms were not discussed in Birmingham and that Yeltsin took part in more economic discussions there than at any previous G-8 summits. Those boasts seem hollow now.

"One of the points which Yeltsin made in Birmingham was that Russia was not on the agenda. But here we are now having a special meeting on Russia," said Andrei Piontkovsky, head of Moscow's Independent Center for Strategic Studies.

Drawing another comparison with the G-7's summits before

Russia's accession in the G-8, he said: "The other powers are showing that they still support Yeltsin's presidency, and they still see him as the only acceptable option [as president]."

For many outside observers, the question of whether it is G-7 or G-8, and how full a role Moscow plays, seems a trifle.

But for Yeltsin, belonging to the G-8 is a symbol of power.

He held up full membership as a hard-won reward for Moscow's decision to swallow its pride last year and sign up for a new partnership with NATO, which opened the way to the alliance's expansion into countries in central and eastern Europe.

Gaining membership of the G-8 was also part of his efforts to regain at least some of the influence Moscow enjoyed as a superpower in Soviet days.

Rebuilding that kudos is particularly important to Yeltsin, because he wants to shake off his image among Russians as the man who destroyed the Soviet Union and instead go down in history as the man who built a new Russia.

Restoring Russia's global image, as well as turning its economy around, is vital to those efforts.



Traders at the Russian Stock Exchange this week. The latest G-8 summit focus on Russia's economic woes was a throwback to old times, when the industrialized powers sought ways to preserve Moscow's fledgling post-communist economy. (AP)

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# LBJ and RFK: A chronicle of animosity

**MUTUAL CONTEMPT: Lyndon Johnson, Robert Kennedy, and the feud that defined a decade** by Jeff Shesol. New York: Norton, 591 pp. \$32.50.

By Haim Chertok

The decade at issue is, of course, the American Sixties. For Jeff Shesol, who is only 28, his first book took prodigious research, but I think few who were personally involved in those distant struggles would define that era by a "feud," bad chemistry, or bad blood between two politicians, even such heavyweights as Lyndon Johnson and Robert Kennedy.

It was characterized, rather, by a generation's alienation and desperation borne of intertwined conditions of chronic violence: periodic rioting in American ghettos and the war in Vietnam, that overarching bad dream that simply would not go away and would finally poison the well of the Great Society.

In order to provide a running record of the fractiousness that governed the relationship between these central figures, Shesol digested and collated dozens of political memoirs and conducted scores of interviews. Where he found discrepancy, he weighed alternative scenarios to arrive at a likely course of events. Admirably, for the most part he maintains a disinterested posture between the rivals. His style is unabashed: "On July 9, at Kennedy headquarters in the Biltmore, Bobby ate a late lunch of a turkey sandwich and a glass of milk and discussed [Senator Henry] Jackson with Ed Guthman, a Seattle journalist..." Details are attributed, verisimilitude usually attained.

If somewhat short of insight, especially for political junkies and Sixties refugees, the result is certainly a very "good read." Before commenting further on this chronicle of animosity, petulance, ambition, and pettiness, I probably should declare that my own evaluation of the principals has been fixed for decades. Transcending West Texas parochialism, an American original, LBJ richly deserves the highest praise for crafting and shepherding into law America's first major civil rights legislation in generations. His obstinacy about Vietnam, however, was simply unforgivable. It progressively emasculated his administration. As for Robert Kennedy, who began his career as assistant counsel on Senator Joseph McCarthy's Committee on Government, and who exhibited scant respect for civil liberties in his zeal "to get Jimmy Hoffa," in spite of his putative liberalism, I shared LBJ's visceral distrust.

This 500-page account of their feud and fustian has affected my views remarkably little. Grievously flawed, Johnson, a high-school dropout, still looms as a larger-than-life generous spirit, eager for approval, often magnanimous (though not toward RFK), in some ways touched by greatness. The trajectory of his career still makes a significant statement about the openness of the American political system.

Although Shesol purveys the popular thesis that, like a Jacob to an Israel, Kennedy "matured" from Bobby-the-brusque (if not the brutal) to Robert-the-reflective, his evidence appears scanty. I can still evoke my own feelings of resentment at his opportunistic move to New York State in 1964 to become eligible to run for the Senate. To this day the image of Robert Kennedy embodies superciliousness, priggishness, smugness, and unredeemed inaccessibility.

Like Shesol, like many of us, both RFK and LBJ were utterly in thrall to the princely charms of Smiling Jack. After his assassination, the Washington situation seemed reminiscent of the early Church upon the execution of Jesus: the Jerusalem Church was led by James, the brother of Jesus, and, following a different agenda entirely, the Church in the countryside and foreign parts was led by Paul. Similarly, the newly elevated president and the younger brother both felt strongly that the burden of power, the legacy of leadership, the Kennedy torch had passed to him alone.

The irony, of course, was that, unlike nascent Christianity, the gulf between Johnson and Robert Kennedy was almost exclusively a matter of personality. As a New York senator, Kennedy, although for tactical reasons staking out a position somewhat to Johnson's left, supported the president's legisla-



'RFK (left) and LBJ were utterly in thrall to the princely charms of Smiling Jack'

tive programs most of the time. As for Vietnam, however, overriding the exhortations of his younger advisors, Kennedy openly addressed it as an issue only in 1967, after the genuine "profiles in courage" — Senators Wayne Morse, Ernest Gruening, and William Proxmire — had broken ranks with the administration.

Furthermore, after delaying a decision on whether to run against Johnson even longer than Adlai Stevenson — the butt of Kennedy family jokes — had dithered in 1956, Kennedy would enter the 1968 presidential fray only after Senator Eugene McCarthy had already upended Johnson in primaries in New Hampshire and Wisconsin. In short, instead of inspiring leadership, for those of us fixated upon Vietnam, Kennedy cut an unappealing figure of the liberal politician as opportunist and pusillanimous strategist.

Johnson firmly believed that only by "winning" in Vietnam could he redeem John Kennedy's pledge to keep Vietnam "free for democracy." Shesol quotes Robert Kennedy to the effect that his brother would never have committed half-a-million American soldiers to that struggle. The truth, it seems to me, is that no one can know what John Kennedy would have done, and that any scenario may be justified because JFK's Vietnam "legacy" was inherently ambiguous, infinitely malleable.

In his fascinating account of the supposed origins of LBJ-RFK hostility, Shesol unawares provides a superlative example of how John Kennedy could manipulate men's loyalty to achieve his ends through duplicity. At the 1960 Democratic national convention Kennedy had only one day to select a vice-presidential running mate. Because Johnson wielded so much legislative power and because his help would be vital in securing Southern electoral votes, Kennedy correctly determined that it would be politically tactful to sound him out about the vice presidency.

According to Robert Kennedy, however, because Johnson was anathema to both brothers, as well as to African Americans, other ethnic constituencies, and the labor movement, this was intended to be a pro forma exercise in covering one's political ass.

However, Johnson was not despised by all the Kennedys: "Joe Kennedy dropped by [his son's] suite and urged Jack to pick Lyndon Johnson," Shesol reports, "but the candidate appeared irresolute and went to bed at 2 a.m., leaving advisors with the impression that only [Senator Stuart] Symington and [Senator Henry] Jackson were being considered. Neither John nor Bobby said a word about LBJ." The following morning John Kennedy met with Johnson. When

he returned to his suite, looking distraught, he informed his astonished younger brother that Johnson had snookered him by seeming to misunderstand his intentions. To Kennedy's apparent bewilderment, Johnson acceded to his request to run on a Kennedy-Johnson ticket. So John sent Robert back to Johnson twice more, supposedly in order to find a diplomatic way to nullify what had transpired. Understandably, Johnson did not take kindly to the machinations of "that little shits" and easily parried these maneuvers.

He would speak only to John, who finally confirmed that a deal had been made. And so the "feud" between LBJ and RFK began.

Somehow or other, Shesol seems to have missed the real import of this episode. Far from treating Robert as an alter ego, it seems far more likely that on this occasion John had reason to be less than candid with him and that he knowingly sent him on a fool's errand. For good and practical reasons John Kennedy determined that it was Johnson whom he needed on the ticket in order to neutralize the Catholic issue and to pick up Southern electoral votes. (He was entirely correct. In 1960 Texas crucially fell into the Democratic column.) Just as his father had urged, the whole business had already been engineered. The playacting, the wringing of hands, the myth that he accepted LBJ on sufferance, with heavy-hearted reluctance, was good theater for the benefit not of Bobby alone but also his liberal Democratic constituencies, which needed to be pacified.

While I think Shesol buys into the myth of Robert Kennedy's "transformation" too readily, with insufficient cause, he is conscientiously fair to Johnson. (If RFK was transformed, it was, I suggest, into an avatar of his duplicitous older brother.) But Shesol is not notably reflective. Consider, for example, his uncritical endorsement of received political wisdom: "[The] relationship [between JFK and LBJ] was doomed, perhaps inevitably by the dynamics of executive office. Vice presidents make unpleasant company." The current close working relationship between the incumbent president and Al ("Am Yisroel Chai") Gore should have given Shesol pause before affirming platitudinous inevitability.

All in all, however, Shesol did his homework diligently. The only factual slip I noticed was in assigning Congressman Stuart Udall to New Mexico (instead of Arizona). He certainly seems to have exhausted his subject. I can think of little more about the noxious relationship between these two men of the Sixties that I or anyone could possibly want to know.

## A Danish dreamer

**TALES OF THE NIGHT** by Peter Hoeg, translated by Barbara Haveland. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 278 pp. \$23.

By Malcolm Johnson

English readers can now explore the early work of another Scandinavian who has established an international reputation. In January, Doubleday published *Under the Snow*, a newly translated 1961 novel by Sweden's Kerstin Ekman (Blackwater). Now Farrar, Straus & Giroux has *Tales of the Night* in bookstores. The collection of short stories by Peter Hoeg was first printed in Denmark in 1990, two years before the Danish writer conquered the world with *Smilla's Sense of Snow*.

Hoeg, whose most recent work is *The Woman and the Ape*, prefaces his early stories with this explanation: "These eight stories are linked by a date and motif. All of them have to do with love. Love and its conditions on the night of March 19, 1929." Like the novels that followed, *Tales of the Night* shows Hoeg as a man of many interests, as well as social satirist with a mocking view of Denmark. The final tale, "Reflection of a Young Man in Balance," reveals that Hoeg has studied mirrors, just as he made himself an expert on ice and snow for *Smilla*. "Story of a Marriage" delves into the dark secrets of a model Copenhagen family, worshiped pillars of the community.

"Marriage" and "The Verdict on the Right Honorable Ignatio Landstad Rasker" call to mind Hoeg's "A History of Danish Dreams," published in the *United States* after *Smilla* and *Borderliners*, but preceding all of Hoeg's other work in Denmark. Hoeg's debt to Hans Christian Andersen, who hovers over "Danish Dreams," can often be felt in his dark fairy tales for our time, in his ironic versions of Danish history. The touch of the great master is evident in one of the longer stories, "Pity for the Children of Vaden Town," set in a paragon community on the east coast of Jutland.

*Tales of the Night* reflects other influences too. The opening story, "Journey Into a Dark Heart," set in colonial Africa, is obviously inspired by Joseph Conrad, while "Homage to Bournonville," dedicated to August Antoine Bournonville, centers on a former dancer for Copenhagen's Royal Ballet, drawing on Hoeg's own past as a dancer.

Though sometimes self-consciously philosophical, reflecting the author's youth and desire to declare himself a cerebral sort, every tale in this collection has its own fascinations. Hoeg is a born storyteller, and his creations reverberate with a sense of the hazards and mysteries of love.

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The author was a scholarship student, and earned a degree in languages from Durham University in northern England. For some years she worked for a magazine group and wrote *True Romance* stories. Her fascination with sexual perversion and the dysfunctional types that populate her novels is fed by deep research done in her vast home library of books on criminology and psychology. To gain a sense of realism in her characters, she often attends murder trials, and for the past nine years has been "a prison visitor."

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up his collection of slang words by 5,000 to make 16,000 in all.

Thorne goes out once a week "hunting for new words," mainly on the street or in pubs. Only once, while jotting down the conversation of a pub full of cab drivers, did the dictionary maker encounter "a bit of bother." He says, "When they got to their feet, I knew it was time to leave. I think they thought I was a tax inspector."

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## Yassin in Gaza

The dilemma over whether to permit Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin to return to Gaza, which has exercised Israel's security officials this past week, has brought the fight against Hamas back into focus. There are convincing arguments both for and against allowing the acknowledged head of an organization that has perpetrated horrible terrorist acts to freely rally his followers in the Gaza Strip.

The decision in this matter, however, must ultimately relate to broad strategic considerations, such as the stability of the Palestinian Authority, its role in fighting terrorism within the context of the Oslo Agreements, and the need to respond to the growing strength of Islamic fundamentalism.

Yassin's release from prison in October 1997 was prompted by the wretched failure of the Mossad's attempt on the life of Hamas leader Khaled Maashal in Amman. The sheikh's release, in exchange for the two Mossad agents arrested in Jordan, was accompanied in Israel by misgivings that his triumphant return to the Gaza Strip would signal the beginning of a new round of massive Hamas terrorist attacks. These dire predictions, thankfully, have not been fulfilled; but understanding why is not simple.

Even the most professional experts on the shadowy world of Islamic fundamentalism admit difficulty in penetrating the enigmas in the Hamas leadership. There are divisions – sometimes sharp ones – between the organization's political and military wings and between local cells within the Palestinian Authority and the leadership abroad.

Yassin himself has on different occasions made conflicting statements, at times sounding extremely militant towards Israel, at times surprisingly insisting that arranging a cease-fire with Israel is at the top of Hamas's agenda. But the fact is that there has been a noticeable abatement in Hamas terrorist activity.

While Israel's security apparatus can take some of the credit for this, there are clearly other reasons for the decline in terrorist activity, which may not be unrelated to Yassin's return to PA-controlled territory, where his attention is focused on internal Palestinian political struggles. Indeed, his recent tour of Arab capitals, which caught Israel's attention due to the large funding pledges he raised for Hamas, was mainly intended to embarrass PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and raise Hamas to a more legitimate position as a rival to the PLO.

These internal Palestinian struggles are taking place against the background of a closing chapter in the interim agreements, as permanent-status talks loom closer. If the long-running negotiations over the percentages of further redeployment on the West Bank do finally conclude soon, the next phase will begin. The original

Oslo Agreements deliberately avoided the large strategic questions that must be tackled on the way to a permanent arrangement. But while the time has come to deal with these issues, the positive atmosphere which the framers of the Oslo Agreements expected would prevail by this stage is not a reality.

Confidence in the Oslo process was shattered on the Israeli side by Hamas suicide bombs. On the Palestinian side, it was crushed by the formation of a dictatorial regime in the PA and an economic depression so deep that conditions are much worse than they were in 1993. The resulting sense of hopelessness and pessimism has only served to increase the popularity of Hamas.

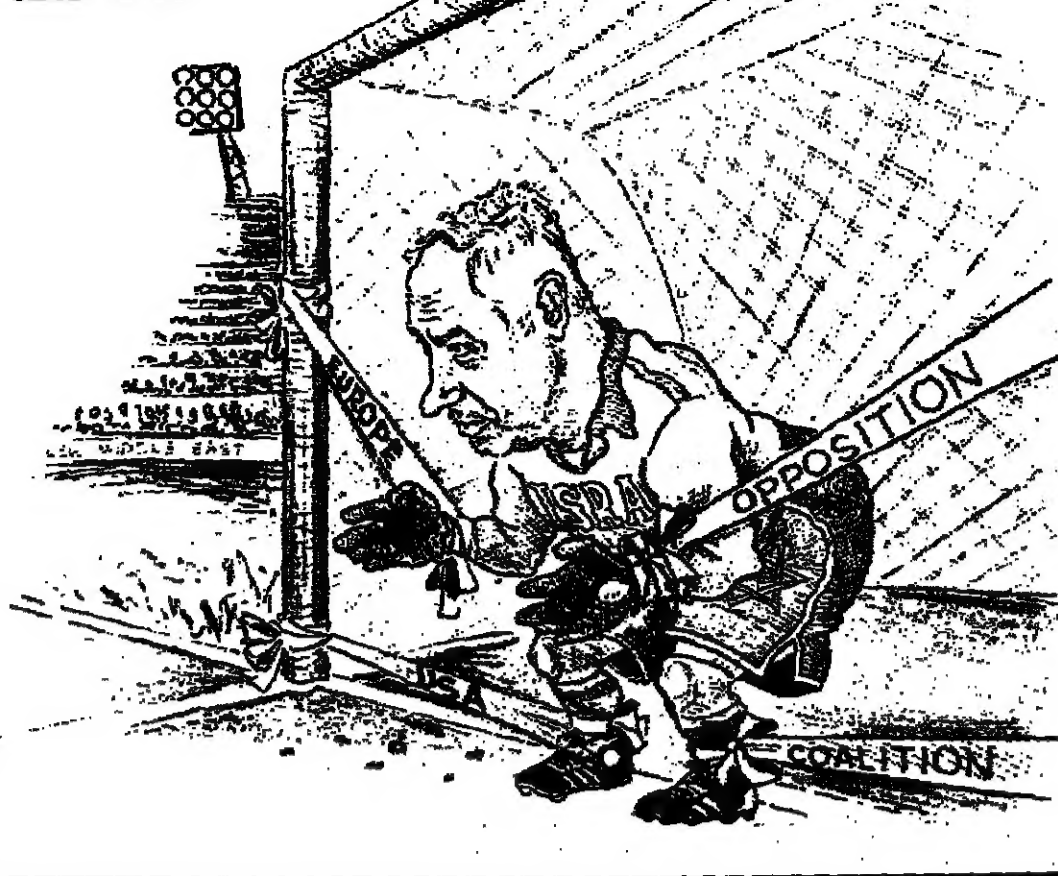
It is in this context that the question of allowing Yassin back into Gaza must be considered. First of all, refusing him entry would work against stability in the PA. It is clear to all in the PA that Yassin is challenging Arafat's leadership. Rather than strengthening Arafat, an Israeli refusal would be seen by the population there as collaboration between Arafat and Israel – because it would be assumed that Israel has acted at least partly in response to a request by Arafat to keep Yassin out.

Secondly, Yassin abroad would be more of a menace than Yassin in Gaza. For one thing, it would be easier to keep track of Hamas activities in Gaza than in distant countries. Indeed, one of the countries that has offered to host Yassin is Syria. The potential combination of Assad and Yassin in Damascus is a sure recipe for increased bloodshed, and may radiate instability to other countries in the region as well, particularly Jordan. With Yassin outside, the military wing of Hamas in Gaza would become strengthened, waiting for orders from abroad to strike.

On the other hand, if Yassin really does want Hamas to become a serious player in Palestinian politics as we move into the permanent-status period, it must be made clear to them that such legitimacy depends on Hamas becoming a civilian organization rather than a para-military one. The PA must do what it committed itself to under the Oslo Accords: making a serious effort to confiscate weapons, breaking apart armed militias, toning down anti-Israel propaganda, and arresting and trying terrorists.

That is the stick. The carrot can come in the form of permitting broader democratic participation on the part of Islamic groups – a formula Jordan successfully used to neutralize militant Islamists. Finally, efforts on the part of Israel and the PA to increase economic development in depressed Palestinian areas should be high on the negotiating agenda. The strongest forces against Yassin and his message, whether he is outside or inside, are the forces of modernization and economic advancement.

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## Yassin's deadly return

URI DAN  
DENNIS EISENBERG

pleased. He won't have a rival any longer vying for the hearts of the folk who live in Gaza."

Let us make no mistake about it. Inspired by Yassin's blood lust for Jews, Hamas bomb factories, as well as the recruiting and brainwashing of future suicide

The new work would be entitled *Ahmed Yassin in Cloud Cuckoo Land*. The plot reads: Ahmed Yassin is a cripple in body and mind. He's the founder and spiritual leader of the Hamas terrorist organization, whose suicide bombers have caused death and serious injury to hundreds.

He was imprisoned, but freed in a deal to save the lives of captured Mossad agents in Amman caught after a botched attempt to kill the local Hamas commander there, Khaled Maashal.

To this day, Yassin has made it clear that his hatred of the Jews has not softened one iota. He has predicted that in the not so distant future, Israel as a Jewish state will cease to exist if the Arabs continue their struggle.

Yassin recently requested permission to be allowed to leave Gaza to seek medical treatment in Saudi Arabia. Israeli intelligence and military circles decided he should be allowed to go.

Had they forgotten that Yassin was the mastermind behind the Hamas acts of terror which killed or wounded hundreds of civilians traveling in buses or walking through the streets up and down the land?

Did it not dawn on them that they were not dealing with a sick old man, who has never said boo to a goose in his entire life?

Compassion is a sentiment deeply embedded in the Jewish tradition – but surely it does not extend to a man who is not only sick in body, but also in mind – and even for what passes as his soul.

It seems their misplaced sense of humanity went something like this: "Let the silly-billy go where he wants. Perhaps he won't even come back. Anyway Yasser Arafat will be

ted Yassin to turn himself into a perambulating devil's advocate for murder most foul, comes the same advice. "Oh, let him come back. He's more dangerous out there than safely ensconced in Gaza." Strangely, even Ezer Weizman, without being asked, volunteered his wisdom that the Hamas creator should be allowed to come home.

Oh really? With his pockets stuffed with cash to make it even easier to personally organize the next wave of mayhem in the crowded buses and streets of Israel? To give encouragement to his suicide squads? Before his expected arrival in the coming days, his disciples are already boasting in Gaza. "He will be back. Nobody can stop him. Nobody."

Added his spokesman Ibrahim Rusha: "His return is a holy obligation." The threat is clear: Unless Yassin comes home, we will carry out terrible revenge. Bombings will surely make place once again in the streets of Israel.

Is it fear that is driving the government into weighing the issues so minutely, day by day? Surely it is known by now, that when Hamas decides to strike again, it will need no excuses to do so. The driving force of Hamas, its only raison d'être, is to kill Jews. Men, women, children babies – everybody. Now that Yassin has tens of millions of dollars to throw around, the danger of his being on the spot to mastermind and encourage his disciples has increased many times.

Both left- and right-wing MK's like Ehud Barak, Haim Ramon, Ariel Sharon, Rafael Eitan and Rehavam Ze'evi demand that Yassin must not be allowed to return.

Just how far sloppy, sentimental thinking clouds the brutal reality of Yassin's blind lust to wipe out the Jews of Israel can be heard from the lips of Rabbi Menachem Froman from Tekoa.

"I visited him in Gaza. He's a pragmatic man. One can negotiate with him," he tells us. Dear rabbi, one can respect your learning. But your thinking is that of the ghetto where Jews tried – vainly – to appease their would-be slayers. Turning the other cheek is not Judaism.

## The View from the East

DAVID KUTTAB

## Jerusalem's lost homes

As a young boy growing up in Jerusalem's Mount of Olives neighborhood, I heard stories from my father about the properties his family owned in west Jerusalem, before the creation of the State of Israel.

Shortly after the 1967 June war, Dad took us to see the house where he grew up in the Musrara neighborhood. Dad was proud of the wooden closet his father had made in the house – it was hand-carved and built inside the house. He also took us to his uncle's red-brick home in Katamon.

As the Israeli occupation continued, we started hearing of many other families who had lost homes in west Jerusalem and had gone through very emotional experiences as they went and stood outside the homes they had built and which were now occupied by strangers.

There were also tragic stories. A man, whom my father always referred to as Mr. David, moved to Bethlehem after the 1948 war, leaving behind a large home and office building in west Jerusalem.

After 1967, he went to an Israeli court and tried to reclaim his home. He lost his case and soon after, had a heart attack and died in anguish over his lost properties.

After finishing my studies in the States and returning to Jerusalem, I began working in the media. During this period I wrote many

stories about similar families who had lost the homes they had owned.

Two stories I covered then still make me shudder every time I remember them. At the time, Rafiq Namari who lost his house near the German Colony, made a practice every Sunday afternoon to take his children to west Jerusalem and show them the two-story house they had lost. Namari showed me his family initials still engraved on the entrance of the house, and he pointed to the room where he was born and told me story after story of growing up in that home.

Mohammed Burqan had an even more compelling story. Burqan was born in his family's Old City house which, at the time, was on the edge of the Jewish Quarter. In the 1970s, his house was expropriated and his family was forced to leave, even though he had traveled to Turkey to bring documented proof of his family's ownership of the house.

Later, and by accident, he discovered that his own house, now remodeled, was put up for sale. Through a lawyer he applied to repurchase his own house. His request was refused because Burqan had not served in the Israeli army, or the pre-state Jewish underground, nor was he a new immigrant as the stipulations for buying homes stated.

The case finally ended up in the

High Court which ruled against his right to buy back his own house.

Chief Justice Haim Cohn, in his decision, said that Burqan could not buy the house back because he held a Jordanian passport, a country at war with Israel at the time. Moreover, since he was a Moslem, it was preferable for the public good that followers of the various religions live in their own neighborhoods. So Mohammed Burqan, a Moslem with a Jordanian passport, had to build a house on a small land plot he had in Beit Hanina. Now his house is completely isolated and surrounded by the Pisgat Ze'ev suburb.

A few months ago, I was in Jerusalem and decided to go by the house where Dad lived. When I got to the house in Musrara, I saw the hand-carved wooden closet broken up and thrown out in the yard. It seems new owners had come in and were not so fond of my grandfather's carpentry.

All these stories flashed back into my mind this week when I saw the Jewish militants settling in the Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan, under IDF protection and saying they had legally purchased these homes.

As Faisal Hussein said in response to these claims of legal ownership: "If the settlers want to live in Silwan fine, let us open up all the files of our lost homes in west Jerusalem."

## As the desert blooms

HELEN SCHARY MOTRO

Remember when the first question you asked about an apartment for rent was: "Does it have a telephone?" Remember when you had to be a sabra to find Afula? Remember when you prayed the man at the carrot-juice kiosk used soap when he raised out the glass of the customer before you? Remember when the only pool in Jerusalem was at the YMCA? When the only type of grass was the scratchy kind? When nobody ever dreamed of returning a call? When hopelessness was finding yourself driving behind a truck on the old road to Jerusalem?

Not all the improvements the country has seen are as significant as making the desert bloom. It's just that they often feel that way. Like not having to go abroad any more to afford Reeboks.

People are always saying how far we've come. But they can never think of exactly how. Once you put your mind to it, the cornucopia of progress makes you dizzy. Below is a partial list.

There are no more traffic lights on the Geva Road, no more people squeezing bread at the supermarket, no more hikes to find a public phone, no more travel tax, no more need to go to Lilliblum Street, and no more water discipline in the army.

There used to be no air-conditioning in the airport arrival hall, no air-conditioning anywhere, no dates on the milk cartons, no upholstered seats in the movie theaters, no ice-cream in the winter, no accredited colleges, no pedestrian bridges over the highways, no Ahava (the cosmetics), no sent belts, no place to buy cigarettes on Saturday, no single line at the bank, no credit cards, no cinematheque, no Tennis Centers, no Gesher

## Remember when...

Theater, no spa in Ein Gedi, no Supreme Court Building, no good steaks, no concerts in the park, no overseas direct dial, no Ezra La-matza, no recycling, no jazz clubs, no mosaics at Tzippori, no daylight savings time, no Safari, no Tsafiri, no promenade in Tel-Aviv, no promenade in Jerusalem, no Chinese restaurants, no hot-lanes, no shark nets in Eilat, no Billy Rose Garden, no trail on Mount Meron, no good dry cleaners, no cable car in Rosh Hanikra, no childproof preparation classes, no laundromats, no water parks, no music on Arutz 7, no amphitheater in Bet She'an, no Clinica On, no kiwis, no blueberries, no cherries, no seedless watermelons, no tulips near the Windmill, no bread stores, no Yarden, no Golan, no thick mattresses, no cat food, no music lectures by Brenda Miller, no bus lanes, no overnight developing, no Max Brenner chocolates, no instant soup, no pizza deliveries, no Liberty Bell Park, no tinted glass, no filter coffee, no advance check-in, no automatic car washes, no Breira Hahiv, no pedestrian streets, no Suzanne Dellal Center, no rainbow colors from Tambour, no cable TV, no stores open between one and four, no highway dividers, no no-smoking sections, no jumbo kitchen garages, no small claims court, no untouched straws at the kiosk, no baby food, no veterinary school, no automatic cash dispenser, no no Golden Age Clubs, no Hartzufim, no ready-to-plant grass carpets, no sugarless gum, no covered swimming pools, no Dr. Fischer, no big beach towels, no dental insurance, no court judgments on computer, no Weight Watchers, no theater festival in Acre, no shrimp, no kosher shrimp, no Chagall windows, no bookstore-cafe Tmol Shilshom, no flowers planted everywhere, no Alex Ansky on the radio, no organic eggs, no Israeli cream cheese, no music in Abu Ghosh, no ostriches in the Arava, no crocodile farm, no charters to Europe, no jazz in the museum, no Kfar Havradim, no express train to Haifa, no ice-skating in Beersheba, no soft toilet paper, no tomatoes from the Arava, no computer at the Ministry of the Interior, no Yotshanan, no Area A, no diet soda, no drip irrigation, no Opera House, no Götter, no appointments to Kupat Holim, no ESRA, no marathon, no triathlon, no organ transplants, no women in pilot training course, no shades at the bus stops, no swimming with dolphins, no dog pills against fleas, and no disposable diapers.

Last but not least, there was no larger-than-life stencil of Theodore Herzl looming over the highway. Half-smiling, arms crossed, he watches what his dream created. And he knows the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BEYOND THE PALE

Sir, – Miriam Reinfeld's letter "Aren's inaccuracies" (May 13) queries which history books Moshe Arens has read to form his opinions concerning the involvement of Jewish servicemen in time of war. Unfortunately, Reinfeld repeats parrot-like the cry of antisemitism when she says "Everyone knows the lengths that a Jewish boy went to avoid conscription into the army."

This lady assumes erroneously that all Jews lived in Eastern Europe, i.e. Tsarist Russia. In that country cases of self-mutilation to

avoid conscription were indeed prevalent to avoid serving in the primitive and oppressive armies of Imperial Russia.

Jews however could be found outside the confines of the Pale. In World War I, for example, England, France and Germany held large numbers of Jewish subjects eager to serve. Many of these soldiers died for their countries and many were decorated for distinguished service. One need only recall the bitter irony of seeing German Jewish World War I veterans stripped of their honors by

the Nazi dictatorship. Having experienced World War II as a child in England, I saw not only my own father, together with male and female relatives, but most other Jews of army age conscripted and serving in the British Army.

I advise this lady not to be too hasty in criticizing the books Arens reads, but rather to increase her own rather narrow limited picture of the world.

ANNE KAYE

Kedumim.

### JACKET UNBUTTONED!

Sir, – In the May 27 issue of *The Jerusalem Post*, I was appalled to see a photograph of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reviewing an honor guard with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji. In the company of an IDF officer, in

uniform, with his jacket unbuttoned! Surely our prime minister must have noticed how sloppy this officer's appearance was, especially compared to the Chinese officer and soldiers.

### HARDLY TIGERS

Sir, – In his article "The Oslo process" (June 3), David Kimche stated: "There was no wholesale surrender at Oslo...[our negotiators] fought like tigers over every disputed point."

Under the picture painted by Kimche, our tigerish negotiators, pinned to the wall by a third-rate,

flat-on-its-back terrorist organization, were forced to release from Israeli prisons all PLO terrorists – including those who had murdered Israelis – and, in addition, yield up for grabs Jerusalem, settlements, Israel's essential water sources, the configuration of our borders, and the absorption of two

Why are our officers, who represent our state, not briefed and educated on the proper behavior when wearing our uniform and representing our state.

DAN ALON

Givatayim.

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to three million so called displaced persons. Some tigers! It looks more like a case of taking candy away from babies.

IRVIN E. SCHERMER

Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On June 11, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that a loan of two million Palestine Pounds was floated by the government for the execution of a number of public works.

50 years ago: On June 11, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that before and after the scheduled cease-fire the Arab Legion

shelled Jerusalem for the 27th consecutive day. Mishmar Hayarden, Ein Gev and other settlements in the North were bombed by Syrian guns and planes. Britain announced that the 254 Jewish detainees in Kenya would not be repatriated during the cease-fire.

25 years ago: On June 11, 1973,

*The Jerusalem Post* reported that while visiting Kfar Sava, the German Chancellor, Willy Brandt expressed hope that Arabs must "free themselves from taboos to learn from Israel's experience" and that the only way to peace was by direct negotiations.

Alexander Zvielli



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GLEN SCHARY

# Weekender

## Rod the mod

Rod Stewart draws inspiration from today's pop stars such as Oasis and Skunk Anansie on his new disc 'When We Were the New Boys'

By J.D. CONSIDINE

"I'm down here in Palm Beach with four women," rasps Rod Stewart over the phone. "It's not going to be that much fun."

Ah, the vicissitudes of stardom. Here's Rod Stewart, a man whose career is built around such songs as "Hot Legs," "Passion" and "Tonight's the Night," a man famous for asking if he thought he was sexy (and knowing full well the answer), complaining about having to spend a perfect spring evening with four women. "And they're all drop-dead gorgeous as well," he laments.

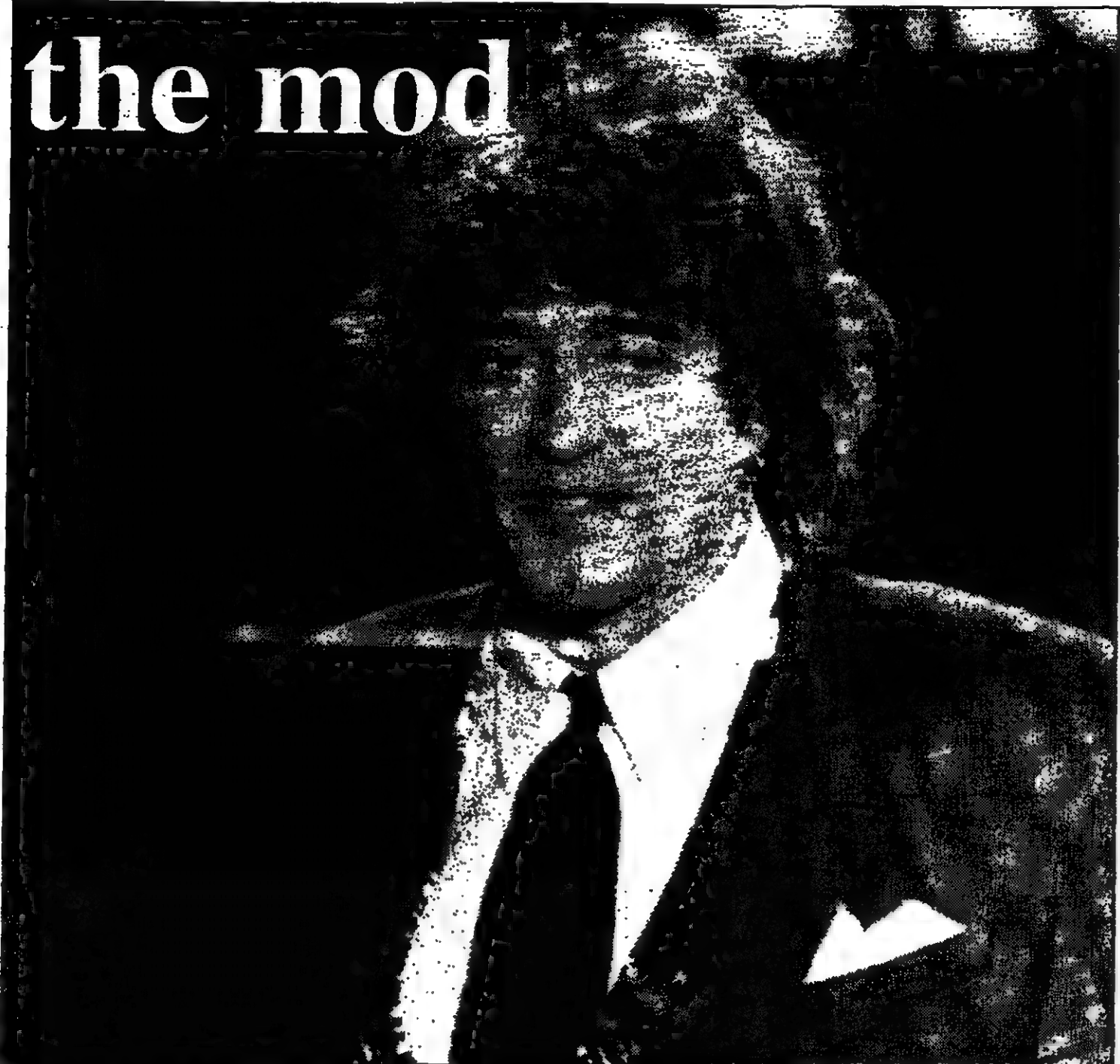
It's not as if Stewart has anything against the four young lovelies, a group that includes his wife, model-turned-actress Rachel Hunter, her sister, and their two best friends. It's simply that Stewart's favorite soccer team, Celtic, has just won the Scottish FA Cup and, like any good fan, he wants to celebrate in the traditional, manly way: by drinking, telling stories, and poking fun at Celtic's arch-rivals, Rangers.

"This is one night that I'd rather be with a bunch of guys, I'll tell you," he says.

That Stewart still likes to go boozing is a bit of a relief, given the focus of his new album, *When We Were the New Boys*. From the rwin-guitar roar of Oasis's "Cigarettes and Alcohol" to the Stones-style raunch of Graham Parker's "Hotel Chambermaid," it's a disc that celebrates the vitality of current British rock by showing how much these new songs sound like Stewart's old band, the Faces.

"Well, the writing's got a great deal to do with it," says Stewart. "What I've done is I've picked one of the best songs by Oasis, one of the best songs by Primal Scream, one of the best songs by Skunk Anansie, and turned them into my songs."

It helps that the arrangements totally Stewart-ize the material.



Stewart celebrates the vitality of current British rock by showing how a number of new songs sound like his old band, the Faces.

Working for the most part with a stripped-down quintet — two guitars, keyboards, bass and drums — Stewart has gone back to basics for the album. Between the boogie-schooled raunch of the guitars and the soulful swagger of the rhythm section, the album delivers a sound so close to what Stewart did in the early '70s, you'd think he put a time machine in the recording studio.

"I think it's got all the ingredients of an *Every Picture Tells a Story*," he says, referring to the 1971 album many fans consider his greatest recording.

Given that Stewart produced *When We Were the New Boys*, his enthusiasm might seem a tad inebriated. But he doesn't hog the credit.

"I just found such a great band, I can't praise them enough," he says. "I mean, there are so many rock 'n' roll guitar players out there, and there's not too many

who can play this sort of stuff. "And they're Americans, too!" he adds, laughing. "I always thought the British were the only ones that could do it."

As good as his band is, the 53-year-old Stewart sounds even better. His version of Nick Lowe's "Shelly My Love" is a wonder, with Stewart's voice climbing into falsetto with an ease and finesse that would shame a singer half his age, while "Rocks" finds him spitting lyrics with the vigor of one who believes every word of the "Get your rocks off" chorus.

The guy sounds as good as he ever has.

"Believe it or not, I'm a lot fitter now than I was 15 years ago," he says, adding that he owes much of his vocal vitality to the earpiece-style monitors he has been using on stage.

Looking a bit like a pair of hearing aids, these tiny, wireless head-

phones let singers hear what they're doing no matter how loud the band is.

"God, I think I would have had to have stopped singing 10 years ago if I hadn't started using these things," says Stewart. "I was punishing my voice so much because I couldn't hear myself. So because I don't have to put so much energy into trying to get my voice above the band, I seem to have a lot more energy to put into the show, and I seem to have more range in the voice than I've ever done. I mean, I think the voice on this album sounds incredible. If I do say so myself," he laughs.

"But it's true. The voice, it just gets better and better."

It also helps that Stewart has no trouble relating to the hell-raising described in songs such as "Cigarettes and Alcohol." After all, when he and Ron Wood joined the Faces in 1969, they quickly built a world-class reputation for

boozing, and substance abuse, so it's not hard to see young hellions Oasis and Primal Scream as kindred spirits.

"I think those guys are going through the same pattern of success that we went through in the Faces in the early '70s," he says. "They're hotel-wreckers. They're drinkers. They're wild men like we used to be."

Well, not entirely.

Although Stewart will admit to all the other excesses of success, he points out that there is one vice from which he has always abstained: tobacco.

"I've never smoked," he says. "Which is quite ironic, really, because my 17-year-old son, I'm having trouble with him drinking beer and smoking. He says, 'But Dad, what about that song on your album?'" says Stewart.

"I might have put myself in a bind, really," the singer laughs. (The Baltimore Sun)

## A Yellow World Cup

By RUTH MARKS

South of Jaffa's Old City, just beyond the bright lights and bustling confines of Tel Aviv, sitting serenely on the cliff's edge overlooking the Mediterranean, is Yellow.

Although Yellow is not easy to find, set at the very end of a maze of narrow Jaffa streets, it is well known to Tel Avivians as one of the better hangouts in the area.

As you arrive at the simple, non-assuming, gravel parking lot it's difficult to know what awaits you. There are no lights and only a small, humble sign announcing Yellow's existence.

Yellow is a multi-functional bar, restaurant, beach club, and cafe looking out onto south Jaffa's quiet beach. It is a summer haunt for Tel Aviv's well-dressed yuppie crowd, providing a breath of fresh air from the city's packed night life.

During the day, Yellow resembles a country club, with small clusters of bamboo chair and table sets and deck chairs spread along the boardwalk, with spectacular views of the Jaffa coastline and the blue sea beyond.

Its restaurant serves an excellent selection of seafoods and salads, ranging from tuna steaks to crabs to pasta topped with calamari, cooked and presented with a modern twist.

As darkness descends on Yellow's grassy surroundings, the same tropical feel prevails, except the sunlit sky is now lit by the moon, the stars and subtle floodlights. The cool air from the sea provides relief from Tel Aviv's hot, humid nights.

The sound system, set up around the place, is pumped up, playing a mixture of modern pop tunes. The beat, combined with the gentle crash of the waves on the shore and the rustle of the palm trees above, creates an ambience of mellow relaxation, perfect for quiet talk with friends or intense chat between lovers out for a romantic night.

As the evening continues, groups of young people fill out the deck chairs along the front or huddle round the tables ordering cocktails or a variety of coffees.

The service is very friendly and personal with no request too much of a hassle. Waitress Ilanit Greenberg says that the bar is in its fourth season, and it is still a popular place both day and night.

Thursday and Friday nights, as at most night spots in Israel, are the main focus of the week for the Yellow staff. And during the summer it's open from 11:00 a.m. until whenever the last groups of people reluctantly head back to their homes.

Until the sun comes up you can find a comfortable deck chair sit back, relax, listen to the music, order a drink or simply look up through the palm trees at the stars.

Over the next month Yellow, like many other places, will be cashing in on the popularity of the World Cup. They plan to set up a large outdoor cinema screen and show every game of the tournament.

If you are a soccer fan but also enjoy a night out with friends, then Yellow is the place to be this summer.

Yellow By the Sea, Rehov Ajami 153/3, Tel Aviv

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## Actors on my mind

'Ramat Aviv Gimmiel' star Yoav Zucker talks about his favorite movie stars

Ramat Aviv Gimmiel star Yoav Zucker embarked on an acting career after working as a model. He started modeling before he was in the army, and later went on to make his first TV commercial aimed at soldiers just released from military service.

Contrary to his character on *Ramat Aviv Gimmiel*, Tomer, a slightly disturbed medical student, Zucker is a very charming, modest and almost shy person. He also stars in the TV show *Zap 1*, geared toward teenagers and young adults.

Zucker is also a full-time student at the University of Tel Aviv, where he is completing a B.A. in economics and management. Not that he lets the dryness of his course get to him. "I find time to have fun," he says. "I think it's all a matter of priorities."

Zucker's charm and good looks have attracted numerous dedicated fans. "Sometimes it is a bit frightening when fans manage to get my home phone number and call me at 3 a.m., but when I am sitting in a coffee shop and they come up to me, it's different. If just writing my name on a piece of paper, which takes no effort at all, can make someone happy, then I consider myself lucky every day to have been given the ability to do this. I think that is the best part of the business, making people happy."

Zucker talks about actors who have done just this for him.



goes back to the 1980s when he went to the game between the Lakers and the Celtics. He's done his fair share of great films. He is one of my all-time favorites."

4. Sean Connery  
"Beyond any connection to James Bond, he is an actor who is so respected that for one day of filming for the movie *Robin Hood*, he received \$1.5 million. When you are Sean Connery, life seems to be much easier. Even at the age of 70-something, he is still considered one of the world's sexiest men. Almost every girl I know around my age would trade almost anything for a night with him."
  5. Moshe Ivgy  
"Almost every major Israeli movie includes Moshe Ivgy. If he lived in the States or anywhere that the film industry was a larger entity, then with the amount of films he has done, he would be a millionaire. Moshe Ivgy is one of the best actors in my opinion. To the Israeli Oscar ceremony, he came by taxi. In any other country he would have arrived in a limousine. I think that any aspiring actor could learn a lot from him."
- Sonie Lemor

## Pieranunzi's unsentimental journey

ISRAEL FESTIVAL REVIEW  
By URY EPSTEIN

JAZZ SELECTIONS  
Enrico Pieranunzi Trio  
Jerusalem Theater  
June 7

Enrico Pieranunzi belongs to that rare species of a jazz pianist who permits himself unabashed yet unsentimental lyricism, and

also uncommon delicacy of touch and expression, without saying far from the jazz idiom. On the other hand, he spins profiles, clear-cut, sometimes freely flexible and sometimes with split-second rhythmicity. Improvisations of the most imaginative kind keep pouring forth, while clichés and conventions are conspicuous by their absence.

Bassist Marc Johnson, switching from plucking to bowing at his ease, produces a rich sound

and amazingly subtle nuances from his instrument. Drummer Eliot Zigmund, modestly in the background most of the time, occasionally surprised with fascinating intricate rhythms and sound colors in his solos, and with refined sensitivity in his accompaniments.

The togetherness and mutual attentiveness of the three would serve as a model for chamber players. Some captivating piano-drum and piano-bass duos counted among the performance's highlights.

The banisterish amplification, afflicted a constant, irritating buzz-sound almost throughout.

TODAY AT THE FESTIVAL

Jerusalem Theater  
Sherover — Israeli ethnic music, Roots III, 9 p.m.  
Hety Crown — Florestan Trio, classical music, 8:30 p.m.

Rebecca Crown — Royal Court and Out of Joint Theaters, *Blue Heart*, 5 and 9 p.m.

Plaza — Peik children's theater with a revue, 6 p.m.; Camus ensemble, Arabic and Far-Eastern music, 7:45 p.m.; four-handed piano, 9 p.m.

Foyer — Gifted child-pianists, 8 p.m.; Ron Simmonds & Show Nuf Blues band, blues and fusion jazz, 11:15 p.m.

International Convention Ctr. — Cirque Eloize, 9 p.m.

## Hot tips

By DAHIA SCHEINDLIN

Jerusalem

Wind down the week in spiritual (and no-cost) style tonight, with "Songs and Stories," an evening led by Rabbi Binny Friedman. At Isralight, 25 Misgav Ladach in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, 8:30 p.m. 627-4890.

More free activities are available at the Israel Festival: Spicing up the music scene is the Camin band, mingling Arab and Far

Eastern Music. Their show starts at 7:45 p.m. at Jerusalem Theater.

Tousle-headed and talented Jeremy Kaplan sings his pop classics tonight at the Yellow Submarine. A guaranteed source of fun and games with this beyond-buoyant performer. 13 Harekhavim St., Talpiot 10 p.m. (02) 656-6611

Tel Aviv

Whirling and stomping their way to Israel, La Cuadra de Sevilla comes to us from romantic Andalusia in Spain, or at least fresh from the cigarette factory where their singing and dancing version of *Carmen* is set. Flamenco dancing dominates the show, performed to the accompaniment of a brass band. Starting on Friday evening, for four nights running, *Carmen* plays at the Center for Performing Arts (9:30 p.m. on Friday). Call (03) 692-7777.

Right in line with the theme of women protagonists is the Venus

Quartet from Prague. In town for the Israel Festival, these four women have created what they call a "radical feminist" quartet, while blending Russian and Czech music. At the Eynav Center, 8:30 p.m. (03) 521-7763.

If a radical feminist quartet isn't provocative enough, Beit Lessin's most controversial current production, *Arafel* (Fog) plays tonight. The play is based on the Tze'elim training disaster that killed three soldiers, and implicated some very high army commanders. Tonight at Beit Lessin at 8:30 p.m.

Moving from the traumatic to the romantic, students at the Beit Zvi acting school perform *Five Nights*, the witty story of an unlikely romance between a chemist and a factory worker, set in the early 1960s. Plays at Beit Zvi tonight at 8:30 p.m. Shraga Friedman (03) 579-9250.

Moving right along from romantic to comic, *Seeing Double*, is an all-purpose stand-up entertainment performance by Shlomo

Bar-Abba and Mony Mosheonov. At 9 p.m. at the Duh Center (Beit Dani) in Hatikva. (03) 639-5333.

Anglos for once have it easy in Tel Aviv, with the Tel Aviv Community Theater version of Bertold Brecht's *The Good Person of Szechuan*. The production plays tonight and Sunday night at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9 p.m. at Yad Lebanim, 63 Pinkas (03) 524-6412.

And as long as it's festival season, definitely don't forget about film and literature: The 7th International Film Student Film Festival is continuing through Saturday night at the Cinematheque. Sets of five films at a time are shown throughout the evenings, hailing from 40 different countries. Definitely call for tickets.

No reservations, however, are needed to enjoy the Hebrew Book Week which continues through the weekend in the evenings. Just be prepared to battle the crowds in Rabin Square (also at Safra Square

in Jerusalem)

Donna Berger is performing at Sixth Sense Club (Ramat Hasharon) tonight at 10 p.m., while Tzavia Tel Aviv holds an improvisational entertainment event, starting at 11 p.m. The musical scene heats up throughout the weekend at Camelot, starting with R&B and soul tonight, continuing on to Latin jazz (Kilombo) tomorrow night starting at 11:00 p.m., and peaking on Saturday night with the friends of Gil Ladio in a premiere performance of his music. Also at 11:00 p.m.

And Points Beyond

Another youth troupe is making the rounds: Ramat Gan audiences can see the Kibbutz Dance Company's young group on Saturday night, performing *The Carnival of Animals*, choreographed by the grown-ups' choreographer Rami Beer. At the Amphitheater in Ramat Gan; call (03) 631-3535.



# Weekender Food & Drink

## Planned to perfection

Not by food alone can you pull off a great dinner party – the wise cook also uses sticky notes.

By Marge Perry

I have this problem. Because I am a food professional, my friends expect fare that is nothing short of spectacular when I throw a party. The problem is that I work full-time and have school-age children – in other words, I have little time to devote to throwing a party.

But I love to entertain and I love to cook. So I've devised a system that really works. I have a list of guidelines for putting together a party menu that ensures I don't stay up all night cooking or end up still drying my hair when the doorbell rings. Here is an abbreviated version of that list.

• Have an adequate supply of sticky notes. Who could live without them? Several nights ahead, I pull out the serving utensils and platters for every dish on the menu and label them. And any food made in advance is stuck in the fridge with a label. This is particularly useful when you make parts of a dish, such as a spice rub or a dressing. For example, the hen marinade would carry the specific label "marinade for Moroccan Cornish hens, 6/12/98."

It may sound silly, but if you have two similarly colored dressings, both in identical bowls, sticky notes could save you from culinary catastrophe.

• Construct a pre-dinner schedule that details everything I have to do while guests are in my home. Because I don't want to have to think too hard once guests arrive, I keep a list on my kitchen counter that indicates what I need to do – right down to when I need to pre-heat the oven, and to what temperature.

• Every dish I serve benefits by advance preparation. If I can't do the bulk of the preparation at least one day before, I don't serve it. The best fare for entertaining requires marinating, meaning the recipe contains the words – so sweet to my frazzled eyes – "Allow to marinate all day to let the flavors develop."

• The food must look as delicious as it tastes, but not because of careful, artful arrangements. The good looks have to be inherent to the food, not a result of fussy, fancy finger work.

### PITA CHIPS

These simple baked chips can be made from fresh pita in a snap.

3 pita

Preheat oven to 175°. Split pita and cut each into 8 wedges. Place wedges in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until crisp. (Serves 8.)

### SPRINGTIME DIP

6 cups fresh parsley leaves  
2 cups fresh mint leaves  
6 canned anchovy fillets, drained  
1 Tbsp. sherry vinegar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
dash of ground nutmeg  
dash of ground red pepper  
dash of black pepper  
1/2 cup low-fat ricotta cheese  
1/2 cup plain low-fat yogurt  
1/4 cup low-fat sour cream  
1 Tbsp. minced fresh onion  
1 tsp. unflavored gelatin  
2 Tbsp. water  
fresh parsley sprigs (optional)  
pita chips (recipe above)

Place parsley and mint leaves in a food processor and pulse 2-3 times or until combined. Add anchovy and next 5 ingredients (anchovy through black pepper); process until well-blended, scraping sides of processor bowl occasionally.

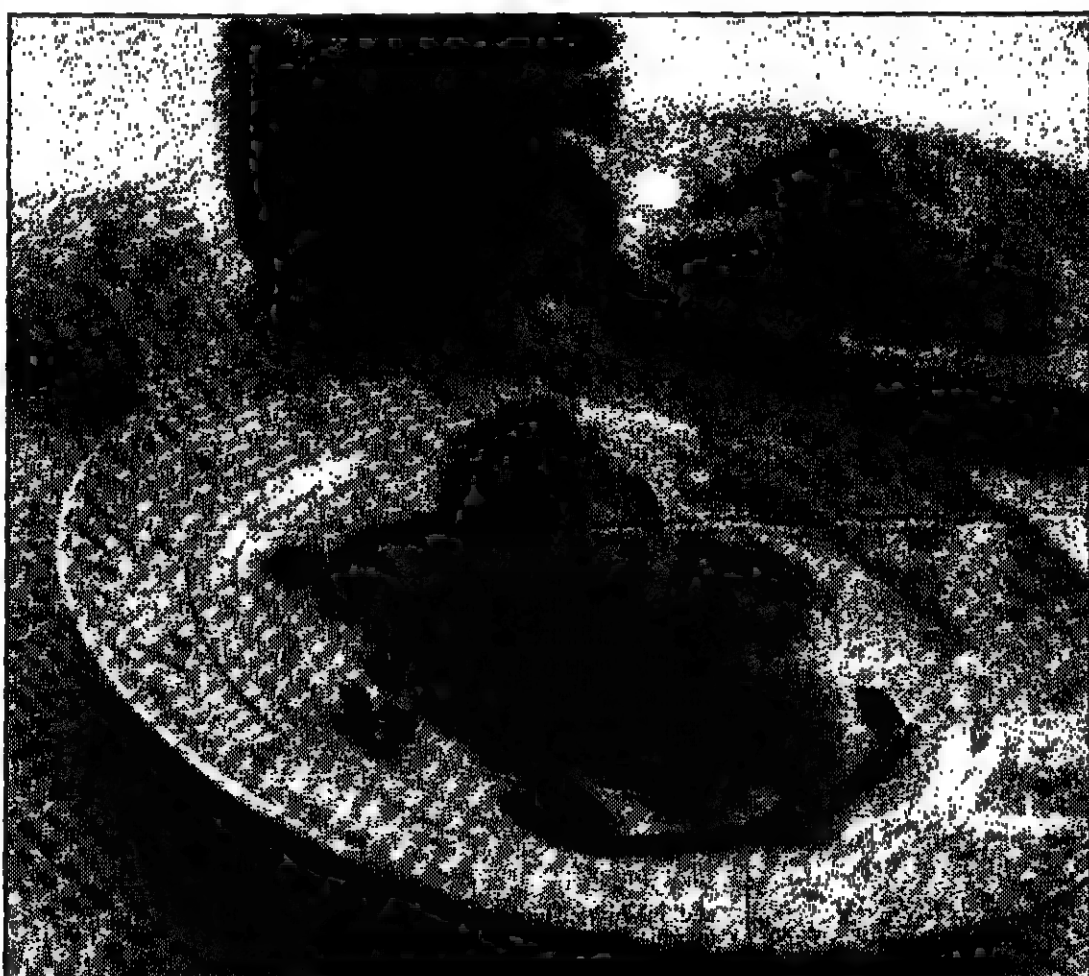
Add ricotta and process until smooth. Spoon parsley mixture into a mixing bowl and stir in yogurt, sour cream and onion. Sprinkle gelatin over water in a sauce pan; let stand 1 minute. Cook over low heat, stirring until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Stir into parsley mixture. Cover and chill. Garnish with parsley sprigs, if desired. Serve with pita chips. (Makes 2 cups.)

### BEEF-AND-BLUE CHEESE SPREAD

2 beets  
2 apples, each peeled and cut into 8 wedges  
1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese  
1 Tbsp. prepared horseradish  
pita chips

Preheat oven to 205°. Leave root and 2-3cm. stem on beets. Scrub beets with a brush, wrap beets in foil and bake for 1 hour or until tender. Cool. Peel and trim off beet roots.

Place beets, apples, cheese and horseradish in a food processor and process until well-blended, scraping sides of processor bowl occasionally. Serve with pita chips. (Makes 3 cups.)



Chocolate-apricot strudel

(Creators Syndicate)



Moroccan cornish hens

(Creators Syndicate)

### MOROCCAN CORNISH HENS

Make the paste and marinade the day before; marinate the hens the day of the party.

4 large oranges, sliced  
2 cups whole pitted dates  
4 700 gr. Cornish hens

for the paste:  
2 cups cilantro sprigs  
1/2 tsp. ground cardamom  
2 tsp. ground cumin  
1/4 tsp. ground coriander  
12 garlic cloves  
1/2 cup pimento-stuffed olives

for the marinade:  
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/2 cup dry marsala  
1/4 cup honey

Arrange orange slices in 2 23 x 33cm. baking dishes and sprinkle evenly with dates.

Remove and discard giblets and necks from hens. Rinse hens with cold water and pat dry. Remove skin and trim excess fat. Split hens in half lengthwise. Place hen halves, meaty sides up, on top of dates.

Place cilantro in a food proces-

sor and pulse 4 times or until coarsely chopped. Add cardamom, cumin, coriander and garlic and process until finely chopped. Pat cilantro mixture onto hens. Arrange olives around hens.

Combine vinegar, wine and honey; stir well with a whisk until well-blended. Place in refrigerator for up to two days, if desired.

Slowly pour marinade over hens. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 2-24 hours, basting once with the marinade.

Preheat oven to 175°. Uncover hens and bake for 1 hour and 25 minutes or until juices run clear, basting occasionally with the marinade. Shield wings with foil, if needed. (Serves 8.)

### MUSTARD-DRESSED ASPARAGUS

2 kg. asparagus  
2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 Tbsp. mustard seeds  
Snap off tough ends of asparagus. Bring 4 liters water to a boil in an 8-liter pot. Add half of asparagus and cook 3 minutes.

Remove asparagus from pot, rinse with cold water, drain and pat dry. Repeat procedure with remaining asparagus.

Combine mustard, lemon juice and salt in a small bowl. Place a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add mustard seeds and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add asparagus and mustard mixture and cook 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. (Serves 8.)

### GRAPEFRUIT-AND-FENNEL SALAD

4 pink grapefruit  
12 cups salad greens  
2 cups coarsely chopped fennel  
1 cup vertically sliced red onion  
sweet pink grapefruit vinaigrette (recipe below)

Peel and section grapefruit over a bowl; squeeze membranes to extract juice. Set 3 cups sections aside; reserve 1/4 cup juice for vinaigrette. Discard membranes. Combine grapefruit sections, greens, fennel and onion in a large bowl. Drizzle with vinaigrette, tossing gently to coat. Serve immediately. (Serves 8.)



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

## Phyllis's Tips

would come close. So when we tasted La Crameria ice cream made by Nestle-Motta, we tried to be open-minded, but it was hard.

The chocolate flavor was indeed creamy and, although several of us found it reasonably tasty, we all agreed we would never buy it. We also tried the hazelnut and caramel flavor, but that was far too sweet and not tasty at all. The only thing you can say about it is that it is relatively cheap (NIS 15-16.90 per liter).

### Humous with vitamins (fair-geud)

Tzabar's new humous with vitamins is designed especially for children. 100 gr. contains one-third of the recommended daily dose of vitamins like A, C and E, iron, zinc and others. While it does contain preservatives and is too salty, it is still a better choice than the regular preservative-containing, salty prepared humous around. A 500 gr. package costs NIS 10.

### Gummy fruit candies (avod)

It is true that kids like gummy fruits, and so do dentists. There is nothing like stick-to-the-teeth sweets to create cavities. Haribo is the new product in town with gummy fruits in exotic flavors and funny shapes like feet, frogs, mermaids and moons. Most of them contain food colorings – check the package. All of them contain copious amounts of sugar. NIS 3.95 for 100 gr., NIS 7.95 for 200 gr.

### Greek isle cheese (OK)

Tanva took basically good cheeses, made striking new packages to put them in, and then proceeded to add enough salt to drive your blood pressure up off the scale. The Piraeus series contains several cheeses made from cow, sheep and goat milks with different fat contents. There are three tzanits (1/2 percent, 5% and 16%) at NIS 8.25 for 200 gr.; three Bulgarian cheeses – two made from cows' milk (soft-textured and firm-textured), at NIS 12.50 for 200 gr., and one made from goats' milk, NIS 14.95 for 200 gr.; feta cheese, 250 gr. for NIS 10.40; and Brinza, 250 gr. for NIS 10.40.

I tried the three Bulgarian cheeses and found them too salty. I'd suggest removing some of the sodium by soaking them for at least a half hour in water to cover. Then you might enjoy them.

### Mediterranean Fantasy

A restaurant complex called Mediterranean Fantasy (Fantazia Yam Tiboni) opened earlier this month near the bourse in Ramat Gan. There are three restaurants in the 250-square-meter complex: a gourmet European and Mediterranean restaurant with 80 seats for lunches, business lunches and dinners; a take-away deli; and a pita bar with giant *lafa* (Iraqi pita) baked on the premises and shawarma and other grilled meats. The restaurants are kosher and are open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Some of the recipes I have call for Half-and-Half, but I can't seem to find it here. Does it exist and, if not, what should I use instead?

– Julie Jacobs, Elit

There is no light cream in Israel, nor is there Half-and-Half. Instead of Half-and-Half, use half milk and half cream.

Fresh whipping cream is sold in small plastic bags or paper cartons. Sterilized long-life whipping cream is available in cartons. While it may be good for whipping, and will certainly keep better in your refrigerator, long-life cream cannot be used for *crème fraiche*.

I saw the article on Tex-Mex cooking in *The Jerusalem Post* today ("Nuevo Tex-Mex," May 28) and am wondering if you can tell me where to buy the chiles mentioned there. I've never seen

chipotles or serranos here, but maybe I'm looking in the wrong place.

– R. T., Jerusalem

You can purchase chipotles and several other types of chiles (but not serranos) by weight at Chimichanga Restaurant in Tel Aviv. For information, call (03) 561-3232.

I wonder if you can advise me on how to keep avocado green as it usually loses its color within a few hours. I have found a delicious spread made with avocado, pine nuts, olive oil and basil, but I am also looking for the right amount of ingredients to be assured of its success.

– Estelle Greenberg, Kibbutz Ma'ayan Zvi

The best and most popular way of keeping avocado green is by rubbing the open part with lemon or other citrus juice, or adding lemon or other citrus juice to the recipe that you make. The avocado recipe you describe has no citrus juice in it, but I would add it.

If you mash a medium-sized avocado, I would start with 2 Tbsp. olive oil and 2 tsp. lemon juice, adding them gradually while

mashing with a fork. I'd try using about 1/4 cup fresh, coarsely chopped basil in the mixture and toast about 3-4 Tbsp. pine nuts to sprinkle on top. Incidentally, 1-2 garlic cloves wouldn't hurt either.

### READERS WRITE:

In reference to the allergy to cow, sheep and goat milk (In Season, April 16, and Feedback, May 8), I thought that your readers would like to know the following: Collaborative work with the Volcani Institute has shown that camel milk contains proteins completely different from those of the ruminants. People with genetic allergies to milk are drinking camel milk without any problems. The milk is low fat, sweet and delicious.

– Prof. Reuven Yagil, Camel Center, Central Arava

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Do not send stamped, self-addressed envelopes, as inquiries cannot be answered individually. Feedback also appears in The Jerusalem Post Magazine on Friday.

### SWEET PINK GRAPEFRUIT VINAIGRETTE

1/2 cup rice vinegar  
1/4 cup grapefruit juice  
2 Tbsp. honey  
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
1 tsp. fennel seeds, crushed  
1/4 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and stir well with a whisk. (Makes 1 cup.)

### CHOCOLATE-APRICOT STRUDEL

for the filling:  
1/3 cup amaretto  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. water  
1 cup dried apricots, thinly sliced  
1 Tbsp. chopped crystallized ginger  
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

for the strudel:  
8 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed  
cooking spray  
4 apricots, diced (optional)

Combine first 3 filling ingredients in a medium-sized bowl. Microwave at high 1 1/2 minutes or until sugar dissolves, stirring after 45 seconds. Stir in apricots and ginger and cover. Microwave at high 3 minutes; let stand 5 minutes.

Place apricot mixture in a food processor or blender and process until coarsely chopped. Spoon apricot mixture into bowl, cover and cool completely. Stir in 1/4 cup chips.

Preheat oven to 175°. Place 1 phyllo sheet on work surface (cover remaining dough to keep from drying) and lightly coat it with cooking spray. Working with 1 phyllo sheet at a time, coat remaining 7 phyllo sheets with cooking spray, placing one on top of the other. Place a sheet of plastic wrap over phyllo and press gently to seal sheets

together; discard plastic wrap. Spoon filling along 1 long edge of phyllo, leaving a 5cm. border. Fold over the short edges of phyllo to cover 5cm. of apricot mixture on each end.

Starting at long edge, roll up jelly-roll fashion. Do not roll tightly or the strudel may split. (Strudel may be frozen for up to five days at this point.)

Place strudel, seam side down, on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Score 7 diagonal slits into top of strudel using a sharp knife. Lightly spray strudel with cooking spray. Bake at 175°

for 30 minutes or until golden.

Place 1/4 cup chocolate chips in a small heavy-duty zip-top plastic bag and seal. Submerge bag in very hot water until chips melt. Snip a tiny hole in 1 corner of bag and drizzle chocolate evenly over each of 8 dessert plates.

Cut strudel diagonally into 16 slices using a serrated knife dipped in hot water. Arrange 2 slices of strudel over chocolate drizzle. Garnish each serving with diced apricot, if desired. (Serves 8.)

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## Countdown

SUNDAY: Make past tense and an amazing confetti. Make dinner, dinner, dinner. Remember, Thursday is the day of the week to remember.

MONDAY: Roast and peel beets and refrigerate. Assemble strudel and freeze.

TUESDAY: Make the day of the week to remember.

WEDNESDAY: Prepare salad ingredients and dressing. Thursday: Make paste and marinate the Moroccan cornish hens and refrigerate. Prepare springtime dip and refrigerate. Prepare beet and blue cheese spread. Clean and dry asparagus and refrigerate.

FRIDAY'S PLAN: FRIDAY MORNING: Marinate hens. Cook asparagus. Set table. Prepare coffee or tea service. Chill beverages.

2 HOURS BEFORE DINNER: Preheat oven for hens and begin cooking.

1 HOUR BEFORE DINNER: Prepare pitcher of water. Measure out flavoring ingredients for asparagus. Place large skillet on stove. Place asparagus in lightly oiled bowl nearby.

30 MINUTES BEFORE DINNER: Remove strudel from freezer, unwrap and place on a baking sheet.

15 MINUTES BEFORE DINNER: Check on hens. Finish mustard-dressed asparagus. Cover skillet loosely and let sit until serving.

AS GUESTS ARE SEATED AT THE DINNER TABLE: Serve salad, chips, dip and spread when hens are ready. Remove hens from oven and let sit, loosely covered with foil. Start coffee.

TO SERVE MAIN COURSE: Place strudel on plate, top with hens. Spoon sauce, olives and dates on hens. Serve with asparagus.

Just before sitting down to main course, place strudel in the oven. Set timer.

TO SERVE DESSERT: Remove strudel from oven, discard dinner dishes. Cut warm strudel, transferring slices to chocolate-drizzled plates with a flat spatula. Let strudel servings cool slightly as you top with fruit garnish. Serve strudels with coffee, sit back, relax and enjoy.

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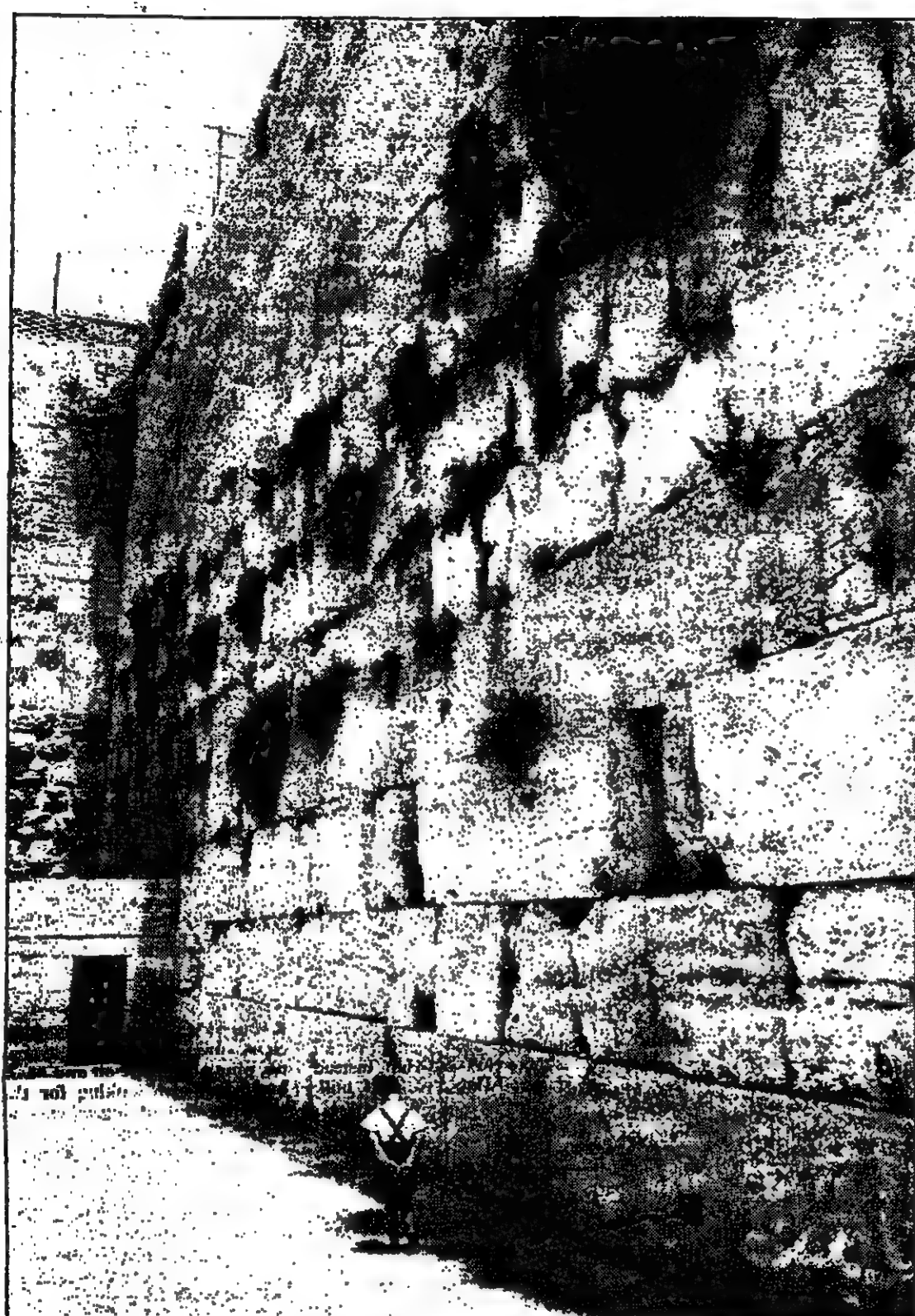
Close Encounters

By Allan Rabinowitz

# Weekender Travel

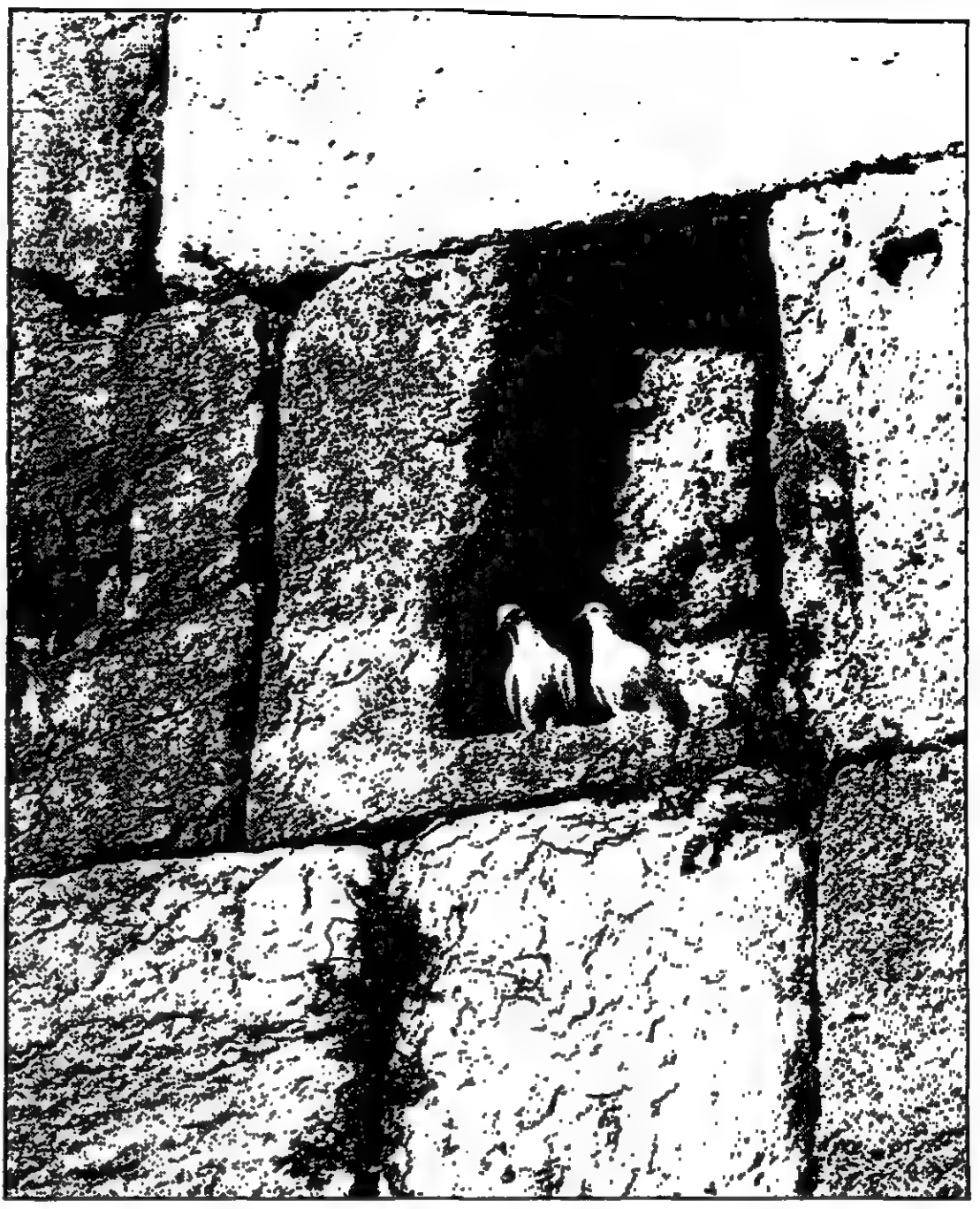
## Legends of the Wall

Jerusalem at dawn. I stood at an outlook at the Western Wall and stared at the crowds of people flowing into the plaza. While the sun rose above the Mount of Olives, loud prayers lifted high – the whine of a muezzin calling the Moslems to prayer – and from somewhere in the Christian Quarter bells began to peal (it was Sunday morning). Amid this accidental harmony, pigeons and doves circled in the shadow of the Wall and perched on clumps of caper bushes wedged between the stones. I stood there and thought – forgetting Jerusalem's congestion, garbage, political and religious tensions (tussling began below over an egalitarian *minyán*) – Wow, what is happening here? Also gazing at that praying, yearning mass of Jews, according to legend, was the Shechina, the immanent, divine presence of God, at a special place by the northern edge of the Wall. If it had been Tisha Be'av, a white dove would have perched above the Wall all day and night, keening and weeping with the fasting Jews over the destruction of the Temple. These are but two of the legends that surround this holiest spot in the Jewish world. They adhere to it like stains from the hands and faces that have for centuries pressed against the huge stones that remain from the retaining wall of King Herod's Temple Mount. From intermingling streams of Talmud, Midrash, Bible, history, Kabbalah and oral traditions, such legends gather at this spot like deposits of gold flakes in a stream bed. For almost 2,000 years, they have been adding to and reflecting the magnetic power of the Western Wall. It is not clear when today's specific shrine became sanctified. Early Midrash (Koheler Raba 2:22) tells of a Roman commander who, in the wake of the conquest of Jerusalem, failed to execute his instructions to destroy the western wall of the Temple. When he was reproved, he replied that preserving this wall would make known to succeeding generations what a glorious city the Roman Caesar had conquered and destroyed. The emperor accepted the commander's suggestion but had him flogged to his death anyway for disobedience. But the historical chronology of such a shrine is, in a sense, irrelevant. For, as the folklorist Dov Noy put it, "There is no chronological order in eternity." The Western Wall might just be



As a piece of hallowed ground, the Western Wall's existence and survival become deliberate, purposeful, meaningful, pre-ordained. (Magnum Photos)

the largest, most visible and accessible shard of the destroyed Temple Mount complex. As a piece of hallowed ground, however, its existence and survival become deliberate, purposeful, meaningful, pre-ordained. "Causes such as 'the merit of the fathers' and 'a divine decree,'" says Noy, "have more influence on events whose cause is hidden from man than what appear to be obvious causes." Thus the stone embedded in the Wall by the evil King Manasseh (though he lived more than 700 years before the Herodian structure was built) will serve to delay



According to one Western Wall legend, on Tisha Be'av a white dove will perch above the Wall all day and night, keening and weeping with the fasting Jews over the destruction of the Temple. (David Rubinger)

and inhibit redemption until the uttering of a secret incantation removes it. (According to some versions, the magic words have been uttered and the malignant stone vanished.) And when Solomon allotted tasks for building the Temple – again, some 900 years before Herod – he assigned the western section to the city's poor, whose work was protracted due to lack of funds and labor. When the poor at last completed the section themselves, God declared the labor of the poor was dear to Him and that the Shechina (the female aspect of God) would never leave the Western Wall. (In the early 20th century, beggars by the Wall would relate this tale to visitors.) The name itself in Hebrew – *hakotel ha'ma'aravi* – becomes a portent. Splitting the name *kotel* into two, said an 18th-century Jerusalem rabbi, results in *ko*, which has the same numerical value as *Yahveh*, and *tel*, which means "hill." So the name becomes The Hill of God.



MANY OF the tales of the Wall contain a kernel of historical truth. It seems, for example, that the Western Wall was neglected or forgotten for part of the medieval period but resumed importance as a Jewish holy site when the Ottomans seized control. Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent rebuilt the city walls (those still standing today) and did considerable excavation, refurbishing and modernizing. According to legend, Suleiman sought the ruins of the Temple. But the overseer of that task had given up when he saw a woman from Bethlehem carrying a basket of garbage in Jerusalem. Upon inquiry she said that, according to local tradition, anyone who dumps garbage in a certain spot is performing a meritorious deed. The overseer immediately ordered his men to dig out the huge mound of garbage – the lower layers had turned to earth – and discovered the holy wall, which the sultan then ordered to be cleared, swept and washed with rosewater. During Ottoman times, too, the presence of the Shechina was firmly anchored at the Wall, as in the tale of the rabbi from Safed who was told by the great kabbalist Yitzhak Luria, the Ari, that he would die soon if he did not rush to Jerusalem to pray at the

Wall. The rabbi followed the Ari's advice, traveled to Jerusalem and poured his heart out in prayer. Suddenly the image of a woman clad in black appeared on the Wall and calmed his panic and fears. He was later told by the Ari that this was the Shechina and that he would gain 22 years to his life. But life was uncertain for Jews under fickle and corrupt Ottoman rulers. The fears and fantasies that accompany powerlessness drive the story of the 18th-century Yemenite kabbalist whose custom it was to go to the Western Wall every night at midnight to mourn the destruction of the Temple and pray for the redemption. Once, some local Arabs formed a gauntlet and waited to beat him. But as he passed between them, they all turned to stone. They remained petrified until some Arab dignitaries appealed to the rabbi and they were freed.

Even modern realities can find their way into folk tales, such as an incident that was said to have occurred in 1940. As the slaughter of European Jews began, water started to ooze from the Western Wall. Seeing it as tears, local women gathered it and used it as remedies. The world itself is an eye, said Rabbi Shmuel in the second century. The white is the ocean, the iris is the earth, the pupil is Jerusalem and the image therein is the Temple. Amid the bar mitzvas and the military inductions at the Wall today, amid the video-carrying tourists and the religious altercations, in this modern world in which you can fax your prayer notes to the *kotel* – perhaps new versions of Western Wall legend are being created. Allan Rabinowitz is a licensed tour guide. He can be reached at [allan@jpost.co.il](mailto:allan@jpost.co.il)



Jerusalem, Place of Weeping, 1867-1889: It seems that the Western Wall was neglected for part of the medieval period but resumed importance as a Jewish holy site when the Ottomans seized control. (Maison Bonfils)



# Weekender Leisure



Reema, a Baghdadi-Indian Jewish student is being made up in traditional fashion for a performance of 'Kabak' (classical) dance, India, 1980s. (Photos: Joan Roth)

Jewish woman decorated with 'Khaddah', a liquid extracted from leaves, applied to magnify the eyes and adorn the hands, Yemen, 1980s



Joan Roth's exhibit 'Jewish Women Worldwide' opens today at Beit Hatefutsoh in Tel Aviv. (David Brauner)

## The Jewish world through a 'womanist's' eye

Joan Roth is on a photographic quest in search of "the greatest photograph in the world - the photograph that is the answer to the meaning of life."

As in all mythic quests, Roth journeys alone to far-flung corners of the world, focusing her search for the photographic Golden Fleece on Jewish women. And even though she is perfectly aware that she may never find the picture she is looking for, she feels the need to carry on her pursuit.

Roth, whose eyes are framed with wire-gray hair, is here for the opening of her exhibition "Jewish Women Worldwide" today at Beit Hatefutsoh in Tel Aviv. She is also here to "connect up" with women she has photographed, and who have since found homes in Israel. A number come from places where their communities no longer exist.

Roth, born in Detroit in 1942, began her photographic career in the 1970s. While attending a film-making school in New York, she visited an exhibition of Diane Arbus's stark photographs ("A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know," Arbus used to say). The Arbus show had a profound influence on Roth, who saw that "in the art of photography, you could reflect emotion." Since Arbus had taken her own life a few years before, Roth contacted her teacher Lisette Model (1905-83) and began to study photography with her.

It is Model's pictures, especially one of a veiled woman on a park bench, that have become etched in Roth's mind.

Also in the 1970s the feminist movement was making an impact on Roth's life. Although she does not like labels, Roth prefers to define herself as a "womanist."

"I was not afraid to look through a camera with my own eyes, a woman's eyes," she says.

For subject matter in her early days, Roth did not have far to go. "A woman lived across the street, on the street, summer and winter. I'd never seen anything like that. I thought, oh my God, something is really happening here," she recalls.

What Roth saw, and photographed, was the phenomenon of homelessness. "I started talking to her to find out how she got there. She was Jewish. It was sad, so sad, and I liked her very much. That began something for me, because I never knew. I thought everyone was taken care of."

Roth's images of homeless women in New York made an immediate and lasting contribution to public awareness of an issue which, at the time, was not fashionable.

Asked if such photography isn't

an invasion of privacy, Roth asserts, "I always ask permission. I never just take a picture. If somebody lets me know that they don't want to be photographed, I don't."

In the early 1980s Roth's life took a new direction ("All is by chance," she says), when she met the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. "I got reconnected to my Judaism," she recalls.

One Shabbat dinner, she heard about the plight of Ethiopian Jewry. "It seemed like a chance to get back to Biblical times, visually."

In 1983 Roth "tagged along" with US and Canadian workers sent to Ethiopia on a rescue and relief mission. During the next two years, Roth returned several times to Ethiopia, because visas only allowed visits of 10 days at a time.

At a Waleka village, a woman called Abebe Abebe came up to her and said in English learned from the relief workers, "My sister, my sister," Roth recalls. "She took me by the hand and brought me into her home. Nobody minded being photographed."

"Jewish Women Worldwide" has been shown across America and in several European countries. Roth works with a Leica rangefinder mostly in black and white, without a light meter. "I guess the exposure," she says, "it makes me very nervous." Her soft, ethereal pictures have been described as radiating a "special kind of light."

She likes to photograph women lighting the Sabbath candles everywhere she goes. Although she often works without an interpreter in communities where she enjoys no common language, Roth finds this no bar to dialogue.

"I felt when I left these women's homes that we had a full conversation, that I knew so much about them. I think that women have a special language between them without words."

In San'a, Yemen, a veiled woman dressed in black came up to Roth in "the street of the silversmiths" (the Jewish quarter), and brought her into one of the shops, which the photographer assumed belonged to the woman's son. He became Roth's guide on her journey into the world of Yemenite Jewry.

"The woman disappeared," she recalls. "I could not find out who she was. But I always looked for her." About three or four years ago at an immigrant absorption center in Israel, Roth mentioned to an interpreter her story about the woman who had shown her kindness years ago, and in no time the two women were reunited.

The Yemenite woman gave Roth a "special ring" as a memento of their reunion.



Sara Afota, Jewish clairvoyant and healer, Morocco, 1980s

Roth is married with two daughters, and two granddaughters. How does her family cope with her frequent journeys abroad? "It's hard, really. It's a harder thing for a woman than for a man. I often felt that I had to rush home."

But her husband, Leonard, is very supportive. "He's the one male in the world that has enabled me to do everything I wanted to. I have to say my work is really a joint project." He also shared in the work that went into the production of Roth's book *Jewish Women: A World of Tradition and Change* (Jolen Press).

Roth, who has photographed 40 Jewish communities in Ethiopia, Bukhara, India, Morocco, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Yemen and Israel, has had to rely on her own means to finance her pursuit. "I do everything on a shoestring," she says. And thanks to the hospitality and warmth of the communities she photographs, she has been able to stay in people's homes during her visits.

"I just show up with a faith in God that everything is going to be all right," Roth explains. "Up until now I've been so lucky wherever I've gone." Sometimes she says that she gets lost, but somebody always turns up to show her the way. "I look on them as angels sent to me. And I have had a lot of angels all the way through, so I feel very blessed."

Your photography questions and comments are welcome. Contact David Brauner, E-mail: [norrrr@mail.biu.ac.il](mailto:norrrr@mail.biu.ac.il) (writing "for David" in the subject line) or fax 02-563-7792 or c/o Photo Archives, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 51, Jerusalem 91000.



Jewish bride and groom pose before their civil wedding ceremony, Odessa, Ukraine, early 1990s

## Bridge The dentist's coup

By MATT GRANOVETTER

West dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

North  
♠ 2  
♥ 105  
♦ AKQ75  
♣ AKQ63

West East  
♠ A975 ♠ 43  
♥ K76 ♥ AQJ9842  
♦ 93 ♦ J1086  
♣ 1974 ♣ -

South  
♠ KQJ1086  
♥ 3  
♦ 42  
♣ 10852

West North East South  
pass 1♦ 4♥ 4♣  
(all pass)

Opening lead: ♥K

The Internet has become a major playing area for bridge, with games available through on-line bridge clubs, and many interesting Web sites where you can take quizzes or read specific topics.

A new concept, starting June 22, is our own Bridge Today University, in which my wife and I offer an advanced course by E-mail. Each week, for 11 weeks, recipients will receive a bridge lesson direct to their E-mail address. Readers interested may contact this writer by E-mail ([gran@netvision.net.il](mailto:gran@netvision.net.il)) or turn your browser to the Bridge Today Web Page: (<http://www.ny-bridge.com/bt.html>).

This week's hand was pointed out to me by one of Israel's leading players, Shaya Levit, of Tel Aviv. It comes from a European Championship. The bidding was brief. North opened one diamond, East jumped to four hearts, and South bid four spades. At this point West might have raised to five hearts but elected to pass and North might have removed to five clubs, but he also decided to pass, so four spades by South became the final contract.

West led the king of hearts, a clever move. If he had led a more traditional low heart, his partner would win the first trick. By lead-

ing the king, West was able to get a look at dummy and his partner's signal, enabling him to make the best play at trick two. East signaled with the deuce of hearts, a suit-preference card, so West shifted to a club and East ruffed the trick. At trick three, East returned the ace of hearts, South ruffing. How do you think South should play it from here?

South realized that if West held the ace of spades, he would need East to hold only two trumps for the contract to succeed. If West won the ace of spades and East held more than two trumps originally, East would score a second club ruff to set the contract. South now reasoned further. He envisioned the possibility that East held the doubleton ace of spades and eight hearts. If this were the case, the lead of the king of spades at trick four to East's ace would sink the contract, since East would return a heart and West would score the nine of trumps (an "uppercut").

Therefore, at trick four, declarer carefully led a diamond to dummy's ace to lead a trump through East. If East played the ace of spades on dummy's small trump, a heart return would not hurt declarer, because he could trump high and draw all the trumps.

Unfortunately for South, he missed the most important play. When he traveled to dummy's ace of diamonds to lead a trump, West captured the king of spades with the ace and exited with his second diamond, locking declarer in dummy. Declarer tried to get to his hand with a third round of diamonds, ruffed with the eight of spades, but West overruffed with the nine.

The solution for declarer is to cash a second high diamond before leading a trump from dummy. This extraction of West's second diamond card is known in some circles as "the dentist's coup."

Now West cannot put declarer back in dummy. If West wins the ace of spades and leads a low club, declarer can duck it to his hand. If West leads the jack of clubs, declarer can win in dummy and return to his hand with the 10 of clubs to draw the outstanding trumps.

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## Chess A real humdinger

By MUEL SHORT

The Soviet Union's domination of chess began with its government's decision to popularize the game throughout the country during the 1920s. By the 1940s its lead over the rest of the world was insurmountable.

Although few would wish to emulate the Soviet Union in every respect, it is nonetheless very encouraging that the largest tournament in the world, with over 34,000 entrants, now takes place in Britain. The Rotary Schools UK Chess Challenge is one big, fun event which grows steadily in numbers year by year. Quite apart from providing enjoyment to the tens of thousands of participants, it is proving a rich vein of future talent.

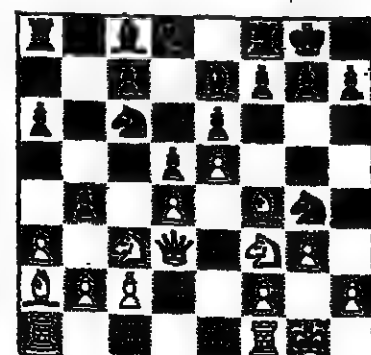
The following game from Claremont Fancourt School in Surrey was instrumental in deciding which of the two under eights would proceed to the Mega Finals in May. It is a real humdinger.

White: Jack Ross  
Black: Suneet Sofat  
Rotary UK Chess Challenge, 1998

1. e4 e6 2. d4 Be7. A little unusual perhaps, but if followed up by d5 on the next move would transpose to Short-Dreev, Wijk aan zee 1995, which was won resoundingly by Black. 3. Ne3 Bb4. Black obviously has other intentions, eyeing up the vulnerable f2 square. 4. g3 thwarting any sneaky attack. 4... Bb6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Be4 Nf6. An unhappy outpost for the knight but certainly Black had observed that 6... Nge7? fails to 7. e5! winning a piece. 7. 0-0 Ng4. A touch premature. Really Black ought to give greater consideration to his development 7... d6. 8. e5 d5! A bold counterattacking stroke, establishing a foothold in the center. 9. Bb5. 9. exf6 dxc4 was the idea. 9... a6? Carried away by the success of his previous move, Black over-finesses. The simple retreat 9... Be7 is sounder. 10. Ba4? Failing to

observe that 10. Bxc6+ bxc6 11. exf6 wins a piece. 10... Be7 remembering that the prelate is under assault. 11. Bf4 Bb4. The game now takes on the character of the Winawer variation of the French Defense, named after the 19th-century Pole of the same name. 12. Qd3 b5 13. Bb3 0-0 14. a3 Be7. It looks as if Black has recovered from the worst effects of his opening play but it is precisely at this point that his opponent embarks upon a plan of breathtaking ingenuity and audacity. 15. Ba2! b4

Black: (Sofat)



White: (Ross) to play

16. Racl! A cunning tempo move luring Black toward the abyss. 16... bxc3 17. Bb1! exb2 18. c3! bxc1Q. Committing the cardinal sin of paying insufficient attention to the opponent's threats. 19. Qxh7 is mate. Brilliant! But, I hear you say, what if Black had played 18... g6 refuting the entire combination? Well, many of Mikhail Tal's finest combinations were refuted in post-mortem analysis but that does not detract one whit from their profundity or conceptual beauty and, quite frankly, who cares about soundness?

For further information on the Rotary tournament call Mike Basman at 0181-397-1826, or Rotary Chess Initiative at 0181-941-0808.

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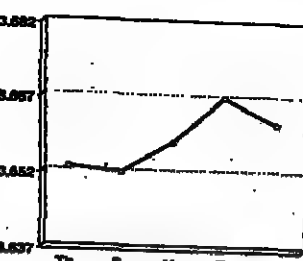
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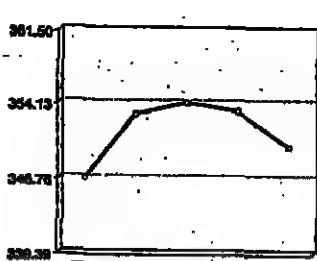
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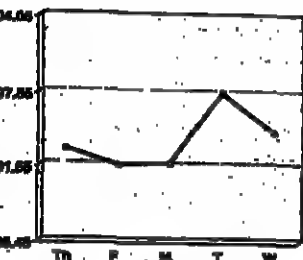


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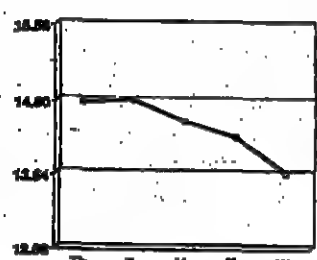
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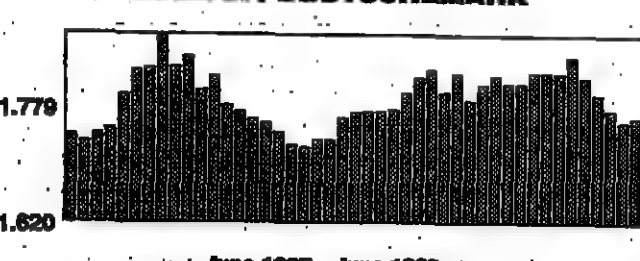


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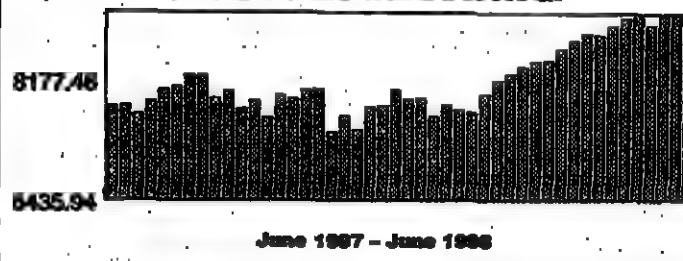
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### MKs launch war on pay in public sector

MKs yesterday gave preliminary approval for a bill aimed at punishing heads of public bodies that pay wages in excess of government guidelines. The bill, which is in favor of Avraham Poraz (Shinui), will set a limit on the amount of money that can be paid to heads of public bodies. Poraz is proposing that if excessive wages are paid without permission from the organization's accountants or treasurer, the head of the body could face as much as a one-year term in jail. **David Harris**

### Treasury: Mirabilis to pay \$100m. on AOL deal

The Mirabilis entrepreneurs who this week announced the sale of their company to America Online will have to pay taxes upwards of \$100 million on the deal, according to the Treasury. They were informed of the charge during a meeting on Tuesday night with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman. AOL bought the high-tech company for \$287m., with an additional \$120m. depending on growth. **David Harris**

### Hapoalim jumps 20 places in Euromoney list

British magazine Euromoney has placed Bank Hapoalim 131st in the world in terms of equity capital. A year ago the bank stood in 151st place. In that time the bank's equity capital increased 12.35 percent to \$45.232 billion. **David Harris**

### Elisra sells \$12m. system to Venezuelan navy

Elisra, a subsidiary of Tadiran, has reached a deal to supply \$12 million in electronic warfare systems to the Venezuelan navy, the company said yesterday. The systems, for warning and jamming, are to be installed in two frigates being upgraded in the United States by the Litton Ingalls ship building company. Last year, Elisra won a \$20m. contract for the supply of warning systems for the Venezuelan air force's F-16 fighter planes. **Nina Gilbert**

### Organic produce exports up 18%

Exports of organic vegetables rose 18 percent this season, which began in October, and the value of the produce rose 23% to NIS 34 million compared with NIS 27.6m. last year. Micha Tiser, head of the Organic Agriculture Association, said the rise was mostly due to increased demand from Europe for organic produce, which is grown without pesticides or chemical fertilizers. The produce is marketed in Israel under the Tov Hassadeh label. The biggest demand is for cherry tomatoes, peppers, tomatoes and carrots. Tiser noted that the demand for Israeli organic vegetables is greater than the ability of local farmers to supply the products. As a result, he said, the association is working to increase the number of farmers using organic methods. The association has also recently begun to import organic sugar from Paraguay. The sugar is grown and processed naturally, and thus retains its yellow color. **Nina Gilbert**

### Vishay inaugurates Beersheba plant

Vishay Israel inaugurated a new \$120 million production facility in Beersheba last week, its fifth plant in the country. The new plant, which has already begun partial operation, has 650 workers and is expected to employ 1,200 when it reaches full capacity. The plant produces electrical components used in the electronics industry, including for telephony, televisions, computers and military equipment. The company's other facilities are in Migdal Ha'emek, Holon, Dimona and it also has another plant in Beersheba, with a total of some 3,300 employees, mostly new immigrants from the CIS. Vishay's exports are worth some \$350m. a year. **Nina Gilbert**

## Supervisor of Banks in annual report:

# Banks beginning to feel slowdown

By DAVID HARRIS

Despite interest expressed by several foreign banks, none are presently entering the domestic economy, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles said yesterday.

Presenting his annual report, Abeles warned that bank results could be affected by the slowdown over the coming months. He said there was too much credit, particularly in the construction sector, and suggested that banks' operational expenses are too high.

Concerning foreign banks, Abeles pointed out that two are already operational here and others have representative offices, but for the time being there is no one else ready to enter the market.

"It's not because of us," Abeles said. "We don't impose any restrictions or make it difficult or anything else."

The main reasons banks enter a foreign country, he explained, are because they have become financial centers or because their domestic system is lacking. Israel fits into neither of these categories.

Asked why, in that case, he is pushing for new players in the banking sector, Abeles replied, "because I want to increase competition."

Turning to the existing banks, Abeles said their results in the first quarter this year show they are beginning to feel the effect of the economic slowdown. It is usual that banks suffer the effects of a decrease in economic activity, but with a delay of several months. If the slowdown does continue, Abeles said, he foresees this having a knock-on effect on bank performances throughout the year.

Abeles then warned that banks must increase their cash reserves to cover potential losses, as their loan portfolios are accumulating high-risk loans to companies involved in takeovers. He said he is currently considering implementing restrictions on such leverage buyouts.

"If this continues it could cause considerable damage," he said.

For the time being, Abeles said he has no intention of intervening in the labor dispute at Israel Discount Bank. He said he would become involved if customers are not being provided services or if the bank's very existence is under threat.

He criticized the banks for spending too much money on wages. The salaries bill in the major banks increased 10.4 percent in the year ending on March 31. To some extent, this is explained by the early retirement scheme in banks Hapoalim and Leumi. However, even without this element, overall wages increased 6% during the year.

Abeles said the central bank and Treasury "do not see eye-to-eye" on the issue of banks being allowed to offer insurance services. Abeles is a strong supporter of the idea, but the Treasury's supervisor of insurance Tzipi Samet thinks differently. Abeles said he hopes that a decision will be made soon by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, but added there are no indications that an announcement is imminent.

Abeles concluded his remarks by saying that while there is increased competition in dealing with medium-sized and large business customers, this still has to permeate through to the smaller customers, particularly householders.



### Taking a break from protest

Ukrainian workers took themselves off with water during a stop in their protest near the outskirts of Kiev. The workers are demanding back wages and began the protest on May 15. Since then, more than 1,000 miners have marched nearly 500 kilometers towards the capital. (AP)

## Israel, Jordan to sign agricultural agreements

By NINA GILBERT

Israel and Jordan are expected to sign agreements to formalize agricultural trade issues within a month. Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan and his Jordanian counterpart, Madhjam Harisha, agreed after talks on Tuesday.

Under the peace accords, provisions were made for agricultural trade, but the arrangements on specific issues were made on an ad hoc basis.

Harisha, who came to Israel for one day and held talks with Eitan at Beit Gavriel near Tiberias, said Jordan has been unable thus far to fulfill its agreement with Israel under the peace accords to export 50,000 tons of fruits and vegetables a year. According to the Agriculture Ministry this resulted in the Jordanians blocking the export of Israeli bananas.

However, Eitan said the Israeli market is open to Jordanian produce and attributed the problem to the lack of trade connections between Israeli produce wholesalers and Jordanian suppliers. As a result, Eitan said his ministry would hold a convention to introduce the two sides in order to boost agricultural cooperation and trade.

The agreements to be signed are in the fields of veterinary inspection, plant protection, and agricultural trade.

It was also agreed that Israel will establish a model farm for sheep breeding in Jordan, to help improve the herd quality there.

## Israeli team to Brussels to try to end EU row

By DAVID HARRIS

Four government officials will travel to Brussels early next week in a bid to resolve the ongoing dispute with the European Union over Israeli goods produced in the territories, Israeli and European sources said.

In May, the European Commission issued two papers on trade with Israel and its other Mediterranean partners. One document was highly critical of Israel's treatment of the Palestinian economy and accused it of preventing the free-flow of Palestinian goods.

The report also called on Israel to stop exporting goods from the territories with a 'made in Israel' label, saying this is in breach of international law. As a result of the labeling the goods were receiving duty-free status under the EU's trade agreement with Israel.

Initially, the Israeli response to the accusations was highly vociferous with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warning Brussels not to issue "ultimatums and dictates of any kind. That is one thing that doesn't go well in Israel and with me."

In the following days, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman met European ambassadors and suggested the best way of solving the dispute would be through informal discussions, out of the spotlight.

In that vein, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur was scheduled to meet European Commission Vice President Manuel Marín earlier this month but the session was cancelled due to scheduling problems, according to both sides.

Next week an Israeli team will attempt to iron out a variety of disagreements. The representatives

will be Foreign Ministry deputy director general for economic affairs Victor Harel, Agriculture Ministry deputy director general Zvi Alon, Industry and Trade Ministry deputy director general Zohar Peri and Customs and VAT deputy director David Shimoni.

"The idea is to cover a variety of issues, including cumulation and the Palestinian economy," said a Jerusalem official. Goods produced by more than one country (cumulation) currently do not qualify for reduced tariffs on entering the EU but talks are likely to begin in the near future on this matter.

Israel is pushing for duty-free status to be applied to items jointly produced with the Palestinians.

Asked whether Israel hopes the meeting will achieve something, the Israeli official said he did not know whether the meeting would produce positive results.

However, an EU source told The Jerusalem Post that the feeling in Brussels is that Israel is going into this meeting feeling overly confident and there is still a long way to go before agreement will be reached.



### Notice of General Meeting of the Holders of the Fund Units

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of holders of the Fund Units will take place on June 22, 1998, at 10:00, at the office of the Fund Manager, Psagot Managers of Mutual Funds-Leumi Igud Ltd., 14 Nachmani Street, Tel Aviv, in order to approve the appointment of Bavl and Co., certified public accountants in Israel of 27 Hametz Street, Tel Aviv, as the auditors of the Fund.

If, after half an hour has elapsed from the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, no quorum will be present, the meeting will be adjourned for one week to the same day of the following week, at the same time and place, and, if no quorum is present after a half hour has elapsed from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the holders of the units present will be deemed to be a quorum.

Those entitled to attend and vote at the meeting are:

1. A person registered as holder of fund units in the Fund Manager's register of unit holders.
2. A party lodging at the meeting, a certificate from a stock exchange member granted for the purpose of attending the meeting, concerning the holding of units in the Fund through the stock exchange member.
3. A party holding a power of attorney (proxy) to vote from a person entitled to attend and vote at the meeting as mentioned above, provided he deposits at the above office of the Fund Manager, at least 48 hours prior to the date appointed for holding the meeting, the power of attorney is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting by virtue of a certificate-the certificate which must be presented to the meeting.

Psagot Managers of Mutual Funds-Leumi Igud Ltd.  
Fund Manager

### Clal to buy up to 50% of Beilsol

Clal Israel intends to buy 19 percent of Beilsol Ltd., with an option to expand its holdings to 50%, for a total investment of \$22 million, the company said yesterday.

Clal said the move is part of its strategic plan to boost activities in the transportation, environmental infrastructure and energy sectors, for which it is to establish a business group.

The deal is a part of an agreement in principle signed Tuesday between the sides for cooperation in the fields of transportation infrastructure and energy. **Nina Gilbert**

Reading between the lines... you have time for trading action until 11 PM.



### ISRAEL ELECTRIC TENDERS

The Israel Electric Corporation wishes to purchase by international tender:

Tender No. 665991

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The contract will serve as a framework agreement for a period of two years.

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Last date for submitting bids: July 12, 1998, at 11 a.m.

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- B. The Israel Electric Corporation reserves the right to allow a bidder who has not provided some required relevant documents, permits, licenses, etc. to submit them within a specified time that will be set by the Corporation.

The tender documents may be obtained Sunday - Thursday, at the Market Research and Tenders Department, 11 Sderot Pal-Yam, Haifa, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on submission of a receipt, demonstrating payment (non-refundable) for the documents into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips for making such payments are obtainable at the above address by calling 04-668 7455/4.

Before purchasing the tender documents, they may be perused, Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at the above offices or at the Sales Department, 90 Rehov Yigal Alon, Tel Aviv, Ashdod Building, entrance C, 1st floor, Tel. 03-585-4678, 03-585-4841. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and be placed in Tender Box No. 1 in the Pal-Yam Building, Haifa (address as above) by the last date for submitting bids, as stated above.

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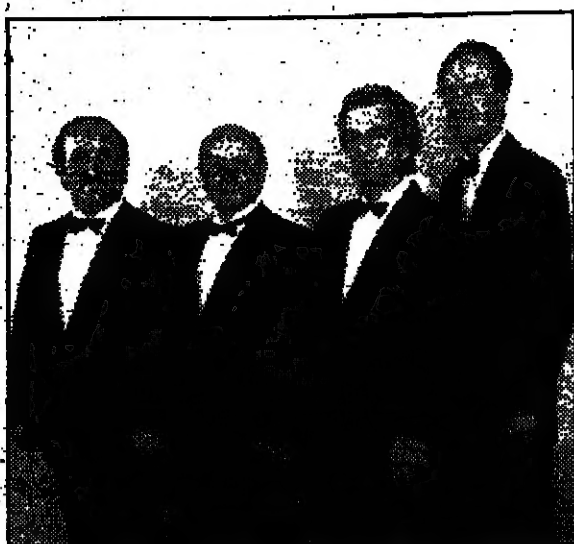
## CRITICS' CHOICE

## ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Ten couples form the circle of Arthur Schnitzler's perdurable *La Ronde*, that never-ending cycle of love, intrigues, betrayals, flirting, that whole fascinating tapestry of human relationships. The Haifa English Theater production is directed by Murray Rosovsky. At the Haifa Museum, Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets: (04) 852-3255.

*Blue Heart* is two plays by UK playwright Caryl Churchill, both comedies with a deeply serious core. *Heart's Desire* is about what happens when a family awaits the return of their daughter after years in Australia. *Blue Heart* shows a con-man at work, convincing elderly women he's a long lost son. Both plays are directed by Max Stafford Clark who's been called the finest director of new writing there is. Both plays are part of the Israel Festival. Tonight at 5 and 9 p.m., tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Rebecca Crown.



The Kolan Quartet plays in Ra'anana on Saturday at 9 p.m.

## THEATER

HELEN KAYE

*Rhinoceros*, based on Eugene Ionesco's *Rhinoceros*, is set in a local gym where the young body-builders are more concerned with molding their pecks than what's going on around them. As the rhinoceros multiply at the window, the body-builders also begin to "rhinocerosize." Director Yael Druyanov and her Arab/Jewish cast worked on the adaptation. The Distant Theater provided the shadows, with music and choreography by Israel Kassif and Herzl Zioni. On Saturday at the Inbal Theater at Suzanne Dellal, Tel Aviv at 8:30 p.m.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The young and vibrant chamber music ensembles from around the world who gathered in Jerusalem for the Jerusalem Chamber Music Encounters will play chamber music selections tomorrow (noon) at the Jerusalem Music Center as well as next Wednesday at the same locale (5 p.m.). Pinchas Zukerman leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in music by Bach (the E Major violin concerto in which he is also the

soloist), Beethoven and Mozart. Saturday at 9 p.m., June 16 and 17 at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and June 14 and 15 at the Haifa Auditorium, all at 8:30 p.m.

Yoav Talmi leads the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in Haydn's 49th symphony and the string orchestra version of Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence* while Matt Hainovitch plays Shostakovich's first cello concerto on Saturday at 9 p.m.

The finals of the Haifa Flute Competition - in which the finalists will play music by Mozart, Sherrif, Braun and Jolivet - take place tomorrow (5 p.m.) at the Haifa Cinematheque. The laureates will play a final gala concert on Saturday at the same time and place.

The Kolan Quartet joins the Ra'anana Symphonette to perform classical music and Georgian folk melodies in a concert which also features music by Tchaikovsky, Bruch and Liszt on Saturday at Yad Lebanim in Ra'anana at 9 p.m.

## ISRAEL FESTIVAL

HELEN KAYE

England's Florestan Trio plays trios by Haydn, Dvorak and Beethoven tonight at 8:30 at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall. Trombone player Christian Lindberg from Sweden presents a solo recital tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Khan Theater.

## TV

## CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News Flash  
6:31 News in Arabic  
6:45 Good Morning Israel

## EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Jewish Sciences  
8:30 Crossroad Café  
9:00 Reading  
9:25 English  
9:40 Nature  
10:00 Programs for the very young  
11:00 Geography  
12:00 Social Sciences  
12:30 History  
13:00 Animation  
15:05 Secret Matters

## CHANNEL 1 (11)

16:30 Elio and Lily and Zap 1  
15:55 X Men  
16:00 Byker Grove  
16:30 The Prince and the Pauper  
16:59 New Evening  
17:35 News in English

## ARABIC PROGRAMS

17:45 News

## HEBREW PROGRAMS

16:15 France 98  
16:15 News Bulletin  
16:25 Gregory Hines Show  
17:00 News  
17:45 France 98  
18:00 News  
18:05 Time For Language

## CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs  
5:55 On the Edge of the Sheet  
6:00 Animation  
6:30 The Rainbow  
6:50 Rikva Michael  
6:55 Rich Men, Poor Men  
10:50 Dynasty  
11:40 French Atlantic Affair  
12:35 Genie and the Captain  
13:00 My Secret Identity  
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7:00 ETV: Say  
Bathing Suits  
8:00 Thea  
9:00 One Life to Live  
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)  
10:30 Days of Our Lives  
11:15 Dulce Ana (pt)  
12:30 Love Boat  
12:45 Hart to Hart  
13:30 John Larroquette  
14:00 Bewitched (pt)  
14:25 I Dream of  
14:50 Days of Our Lives  
15:35 Judge Judy  
16:00 Dulce Ana  
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17:30 The Young and the Restless (pt)  
18:30 Local Broadcast  
19:00 The Young and the Restless  
19:40 Beverly Hills  
90210 (pt)  
20:25 Hercules  
21:10 Xena, the Warrior Princess  
22:00 Mad About You  
22:30 Seinfeld  
23:00 Ricki Lake  
23:45 Law and Order  
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## MOVIE CHANNEL (9)

11:30 War and Remembrance (1989) - Two episodes  
12:20 Master Takes a Wife (1941) - comedy about a flamboyant actress who finally settles down, but takes a young opera singer as her protégé. With Gloria Swanson, Adolphe Menjou and Noel Aron  
14:40 Seeing Stars  
15:05 A Child's Cry for Help (1989) - the repeated poisoning of a child arouses the suspicions of a doctor  
16:35 Star Wars  
17:00 Forbidden Love (1982) - an atypical May-December romance involving a twenty-something doctor and a middle-aged woman. With Andrew Stevens and Yvette Mimieux  
18:30 Seeing Stars  
19:00 Transit (Hebrew, 1989) - a German Jewish refugee who can't adjust to life in Israel dreams of returning to Berlin  
20:20 Something to Talk About (1995) - Lasse Hallström's romantic drama about a Southern wife who learns one day that her husband is cheating on her. With Julia Roberts and Kevin Spacey  
22:00 The Splitting Gull (1997) - character study of a young woman who moves to a small coastal town. With Alison Elliott, Ellen Barkin and Merle Gold  
00:05 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) - A cyborg aims to assassinate the human race from a final terminator. With Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Linda Hamilton  
2:30 Kissin' a Dream (1995) - erotic thriller. A copywriter fantasizes about the perfect lover. With Frenchy B (France, 1995, 106 mins) - comedy writer, directed and starring Josiane Balasko as a lesbian who falls in love with a housewife and her philandering husband, creating a very different love triangle. With Victoria Abril

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